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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 4314**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, by adding a  
1.3 section; providing a requirement for the legislature to adopt appropriation limits.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.6 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment  
1.7 is adopted, a section shall be added to article IV, to read:

1.8 Sec. 27. No later than the last Monday in April in each year, the legislature shall adopt  
1.9 a resolution establishing appropriation limits for each major budget bill required to enact  
1.10 appropriations in that year. If the governor does not provide written approval of the resolution  
1.11 by the day following the last Monday in April, all legislators and the governor may not  
1.12 receive any of the salary provided under article IV, section 9, for the period of time following  
1.13 the last Monday in April until the enactment of all appropriations sufficient to fund the  
1.14 operation of the government of this state for the fiscal biennium following the last general  
1.15 election. The sufficiency of appropriations must be confirmed by a resolution adopted by  
1.16 the legislature and approved in writing by the governor.

1.17 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.18 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2020 general election.  
1.19 If ratified, the amendment is effective January 1, 2021. The question submitted must be:

1.20 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to withhold the salaries of legislators and  
1.21 the governor if they fail to reach agreement on appropriation limits?"

2.1 Yes .....

2.2 No ..... "

2.3 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for the

2.4 questions submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be "Appropriation Limits."