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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to state government; establishing a process to select delegates to a
- 1.3constitutional convention; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
- 1.4chapter 1.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. [1.60] DELEGATE SELECTION; CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.
- 1.7Subdivision 1. Constitutional convention delegate appointment. The state must send
- 1.8five delegates to a convention called by Congress under Article V of the United States
- 1.9Constitution. One delegate each must be appointed by the senate majority leader, the senate
- 1.10minority leader, the speaker of the house, and the minority leader of the house of
- 1.11representatives. The four appointing authorities must appoint a fifth delegate by unanimous
- 1.12choice. If the appointing authorities are unable to select a fifth delegate unanimously by the
- 1.13deadline for appointment, the state will send four delegates to the convention. The selection
- 1.14process shall be used for any convention called under the authority of Article V of the United
- 1.15States Constitution.
- 1.16Subd. 2. Alternate delegates. Each appointing authority may appoint one alternate
- 1.17delegate to serve in the event that the delegate appointed by that appointing authority is
- 1.18unable to perform delegate responsibilities. The four appointing authorities may unanimously
- 1.19appoint one alternate to serve in the event the fifth delegate appointed unanimously by the
- 1.20four appointing authorities is unable to perform delegate responsibilities.
- 1.21Subd. 3. Appointment deadline. The delegates and alternates must be appointed no
- 1.22later than 30 days prior to the date that Congress calls a convention for proposing

- 2.1
- amendments or no later than 30 days prior to a time limit set by Congress, whichever is
- 2.2
- earlier.