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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I, by adding a
1.3 section; providing for equality of rights under the law for men and women.

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

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

1.6 The following amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I, is proposed to the
1.7 people. If the amendment is adopted, a new section will read as follows:

1.8 Sec. 18. Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged or denied by the state of
1.9 Minnesota or any of its political subdivisions on account of gender. The legislature may
1.10 enforce the provisions of this section by appropriate legislation.

1.11 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.12 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2008 general
1.13 election. If ratified, the amendment is effective November 1, 2010. The question
1.14 submitted shall be:

1.15 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide men and women with
1.16 equality of rights under the law?

1.17 Yes

1.18 No"