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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota  
1.3 Constitution, article XIII, to require the legislature to provide by law for quality  
1.4 education, comprehensive health care, living wage jobs, safe and reliable  
1.5 transportation, and a clean and safe environment.

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

1.7 Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.**

1.8 An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the  
1.9 amendment is adopted, a section shall be added to article XIII, to read:

1.10 Sec. 13. The middle class being the mainstay of a strong economy and vibrant  
1.11 democracy and critical to the long-term prosperity and stability of a republican form  
1.12 of government, the legislature shall provide by law for quality public education,  
1.13 comprehensive health care, an economic and social environment conducive to living  
1.14 wage jobs, a safe and reliable transportation system, and a clean and safe environment,  
1.15 including at a minimum adequate and sustainable funding.

1.16 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.17 The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2010 general  
1.18 election. The question submitted must be:

1.19 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require the legislature to provide  
1.20 law for quality public education, comprehensive health care, an economic and social  
1.21 environment conducive to living wage jobs, a safe and reliable transportation system, and  
1.22 a clean and safe environment, including at a minimum adequate and sustainable funding?

1.23 Yes .....

1.24 No ....."