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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill proposes a state constitutional amendment requiring candidates for certain offices to be elected by a majority vote, following procedures to be enacted by the legislature at a later date.

To be enacted, the amendment would require voter approval at the 2010 general election.

Section

- 1** **Constitutional amendment.** Provides new language to be enacted in the Minnesota Constitution that would require the legislature to enact a mechanism to ensure that candidates for certain offices are only elected if they receive a majority of the votes cast at the general election. As written, affected offices include state executive officers, judges, and legislators.
- 2** **Question.** Provides the form of the ballot question to be submitted to the voters at the 2010 general election.