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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 676

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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 freedom of speech.

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, article I, is proposed to the people. If the
1.7 amendment is adopted, a section shall be added to article I, to read:

1.8 Sec. 18. The state shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.

1.9 Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

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

1.12 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that freedom of speech is a
1.13 fundamental right and shall not be abridged or denied?"

1.14 Yes
1.15 No "

1.16 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1, for the
1.17 question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be: "Freedom of Speech
1.18 Amendment."