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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1289

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution; adding a section to
1.3 article I; protecting the right of individuals to keep and bear arms.

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 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 right of individuals to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and
1.9 use arms, including firearms, knives, other weapons as well as ammunition, components,
1.10 and accessories for any of them, for defense of life, liberty, self, family, and others,
1.11 sanctity of dwelling, and for all other purposes, is fundamental and shall not be denied,
1.12 infringed, or curtailed. Any restriction must be subjected to strict scrutiny. Registration,
1.13 mandatory licensing, special taxation, fees, or any other measure, regardless of type,
1.14 manner, or purpose, that suppresses or discourages the free exercise of this right, is void.

1.15 Sec. 2. **SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.**

1.16 (a) The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2016 general
1.17 election. The question submitted must be:

1.18 "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect the right of individuals
1.19 to keep and bear arms?"

1.20 Yes

1.21 No "

2.1 (b) The title required under Minnesota Statutes, section 204D.15, subdivision 1,
2.2 for the question submitted to the people under paragraph (a) shall be "Protection of the
2.3 individual right to keep and bear arms."