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One house, one vote

The 1998 Legislature can become immortal by passing a constitutional amendment creating a unicameral Legislature composed of 135 senators, each elected for a four-year term. Elections would be staggered with half elected every two years.

Minnesotans would continue to have the same representation. Only duplication would be eliminated. In fact, better representation would result in the elimination of conference committees where much power is concentrated in just a few senators. Millions of dollars would be saved each year. Much-needed space would be available for state use, saving more dollars.

I believe the citizens of Minnesota would approve the unicameral Legislature. Let's give them the opportunity.

Stanley W. Holmquist, Edina; former majority leader, Minnesota Senate.