

*Minnesotans agree:*

# The Supermajority Amendment is wrong for Minnesota.

**Grand Forks Herald:** “The uncertainty of the system also will exacerbate the tax unfairness now in place, making it impossible to pass any tax reform or find fairness through the legislative process.”  
Lynn Stauss & Robert Beussman, *Supermajority rule promises super-gridlock*, Jan. 29, 2012.

**Crookston Daily Times:**

“Moody's has also downgraded debt ratings for states with similar amendments, which results in higher interest payments on the states' part.”  
Natalie J. Ostgaard, *CGMC looks to shine light on push for supermajority amendment*, Jan. 26, 2012.

**The New Ulm Journal:**

“Passage of this amendment would assure continued deficits, which would have to be balanced by slashing things like schools and Local Government Aid.” *Why amend constitution?*, Jan. 31, 2012.

**Duluth News Tribune:**

“When taxes don't get raised or expenditures increased at the state level, the buck simply gets passed, and communities like Worthington and Duluth suffer.”  
The Daily Globe, *Other view: Say 'no' to amendment that'd further hamper LGA*, Jan. 30, 2012.

**Hutchinson Leader:**

“Basic services such as police protection, K-12 education, higher education and even nursing home care in rural areas would see severe impacts.”  
*Editorial: Super disparities*, Jan. 27, 2012.



**Winona Daily News:**

“Requiring a supermajority on matters of revenue has crippled states' abilities to respond to economic challenges, plunging them into budgetary chaos when things go wrong.”  
Cynthia Moothart, *Guest view: 2012: The politics of division*, Jan. 28, 2012.

**Star Tribune:**

“Even more fundamentally, the tactic of presenting major public-policy issues to a referendum when they could be handled by legislation is a distraction from what is really necessary: making representative democracy work.”  
Jack Ditmore & Arvonne Fraser, *Legislating by constitution is hazardous*, Jan. 29, 2012.

**Morrison County Record:** “Requiring supermajorities for tax hikes doesn't provide affordable government so much as inefficient, ineffective, bad government.”  
*Legislature should drop idea for tax-hike 'supermajorities'*, Jan. 30, 2012.

**Worthington Daily Globe:**

“You think partisanship is bad now? Imagine what would likely happen in the event of this supermajority amendment.”  
*Editorial: Amendment is a big NO*, Jan. 26, 2012.

**Austin Daily Herald:**

“Legislating via amendment is a trend that could prove destructive in the long term.”  
*Fewer referenda*, Jan. 31, 2012.

**Albert Lea Tribune:** “Any lawmakers with common sense should know to vote against such oddball restrictions.” *Editorial: Kill supermajority measure now*, Jan. 18, 2012.



Legislators in both the Minnesota House and Senate have introduced a constitutional amendment that would require a three-fifths supermajority vote in each body of the Legislature to pass a tax increase or close a tax loophole. Minnesotans across the state are opposing the amendment.