

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 1849

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to local government; removing, extending, or modifying certain  
1.4 mandates upon local governmental units; changing appropriations for certain  
1.5 costs of Office of Administrative Hearings; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.6 2008, sections 16C.28, subdivision 1a; 306.243, by adding a subdivision;  
1.7 326B.145; 344.18; 365.28; 375.055, subdivision 1; 375.12, subdivision 2;  
1.8 382.265; 383B.021; 384.151, subdivision 1a; 385.373, subdivision 1a; 386.015,  
1.9 subdivision 2; 387.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 415.11, by adding a subdivision;  
1.10 429.041, subdivisions 1, 2; 469.015; 473.862; 641.12, subdivision 1; proposing  
1.11 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14; repealing Minnesota  
1.12 Statutes 2008, sections 373.42; 384.151, subdivisions 1, 3; 385.373, subdivisions  
1.13 1, 3; 386.015, subdivisions 1, 4; 387.20, subdivision 4.

1.14 May 17, 2009

1.15 The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher  
1.16 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.17 The Honorable James P. Metzen  
1.18 President of the Senate

1.19 We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 1849 report that we have agreed upon  
1.20 the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.21 That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 1849 be further  
1.22 amended as follows:

1.23 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.24 "Section 1. **[14.128] EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RULES REQUIRING LOCAL**  
1.25 **IMPLEMENTATION.**

1.26 Subdivision 1. **Determination.** An agency must determine if a local government  
1.27 will be required to adopt or amend an ordinance or other regulation to comply with a  
1.28 proposed agency rule. An agency must make this determination before the close of the  
1.29 hearing record or before the agency submits the record to the administrative law judge if  
1.30 there is no hearing. The administrative law judge must review and approve or disapprove

2.1 the agency's determination. "Local government" means a town, county, or home rule  
2.2 charter or statutory city.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Effective dates.** If the agency determines that the proposed rule requires  
2.4 adoption or amendment of an ordinance or other regulation, or if the administrative law  
2.5 judge disapproves the agency's determination that the rule does not have this effect, the  
2.6 rule may not become effective until:

2.7 (1) the next July 1 or January 1 after notice of final adoption is published in the  
2.8 State Register; or

2.9 (2) a later date provided by law or specified in the proposed rule.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** Subdivision 2 does not apply:

2.11 (1) to a rule adopted under section 14.388, 14.389, or 14.3895, or under another law  
2.12 specifying that the rulemaking procedures of this chapter do not apply;

2.13 (2) if the agency has been directed by law to adopt the rule or to commence the  
2.14 rulemaking process;

2.15 (3) if the administrative law judge approves an agency's determination that the rule  
2.16 has been proposed pursuant to a specific federal statutory or regulatory mandate that  
2.17 requires the rule to take effect before the date specified in subdivision 1; or

2.18 (4) if the governor waives application of subdivision 2.

2.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.33, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

2.20 Subd. 7. **Filing fees; allocations.** (a) In addition to all other statutory fees and  
2.21 taxes, a filing fee of:

2.22 (1) \$4.50 is imposed on every vehicle registration renewal, excluding pro rate  
2.23 transactions; and

2.24 (2) \$8.50 is imposed on every other type of vehicle transaction, including pro rate  
2.25 transactions;

2.26 except that a filing fee may not be charged for a document returned for a refund or for  
2.27 a correction of an error made by the Department of Public Safety, a dealer, or a deputy  
2.28 registrar. The filing fee must be shown as a separate item on all registration renewal  
2.29 notices sent out by the commissioner. No filing fee or other fee may be charged for the  
2.30 permanent surrender of a title for a vehicle.

2.31 (b) The fees imposed under paragraph (a) may be paid by credit card or debit  
2.32 card. The deputy registrar may collect a surcharge on the fee not to exceed the cost of  
2.33 processing a credit card or debit card transaction, in accordance with emergency rules  
2.34 established by the commissioner of public safety.

3.1           (c) All of the fees collected under paragraph (a), clause (1), by the department, must  
3.2 be paid into the vehicle services operating account in the special revenue fund under  
3.3 section 299A.705. Of the fee collected under paragraph (a), clause (2), by the department,  
3.4 \$3.50 must be paid into the general fund with the remainder deposited into the vehicle  
3.5 services operating account in the special revenue fund under section 299A.705.

3.6           **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fees collected after July 31, 2009.

3.7           Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 306.243, is amended by adding a subdivision  
3.8 to read:

3.9           Subd. 6. **Abandonment; end of operation as cemetery.** A county that has accepted  
3.10 responsibility for an abandoned cemetery may prohibit further burials in the abandoned  
3.11 cemetery, and may cease all acceptance of responsibility for new burials.

3.12           Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 326B.145, is amended to read:

3.13           **326B.145 ANNUAL REPORT.**

3.14           ~~Beginning with the first report filed by June 30, 2003,~~ Each municipality shall  
3.15 annually report by June 30 to the department, in a format prescribed by the department, all  
3.16 construction and development-related fees collected by the municipality from developers,  
3.17 builders, and subcontractors if the cumulative fees collected exceeded \$5,000 in the  
3.18 reporting year, except that, for reports due June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2013, the reporting  
3.19 threshold is \$10,000. The report must include:

3.20           (1) the number and valuation of units for which fees were paid;

3.21           (2) the amount of building permit fees, plan review fees, administrative fees,  
3.22 engineering fees, infrastructure fees, and other construction and development-related  
3.23 fees; and

3.24           (3) the expenses associated with the municipal activities for which fees were  
3.25 collected.

3.26           **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.27           Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 331A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.28           Subdivision 1. **Qualification.** No newspaper in this state shall be entitled to any  
3.29 compensation or fee for publishing any public notice unless it is a qualified newspaper. A  
3.30 newspaper that is not qualified must inform a public body that presents a public notice for  
3.31 publication that it is not qualified. To be qualified, a newspaper shall:

3.32           (a) be printed in the English language in newspaper format and in column and sheet  
3.33 form equivalent in printed space to at least 1,000 square inches, or 800 square inches if the

4.1 political subdivision the newspaper purports to serve has a population of under 1,300 and  
4.2 the newspaper does not receive a public subsidy;

4.3 (b) if a daily, be distributed at least five days each week. If not a daily, the newspaper  
4.4 may be distributed twice a month with respect to the publishing of government public  
4.5 notices. In any week in which a legal holiday is included, not more than four issues of a  
4.6 daily paper are necessary;

4.7 (c) in at least half of its issues each year, have no more than 75 percent of its  
4.8 printed space comprised of advertising material and paid public notices. In all of its  
4.9 issues each year, have 25 percent, if published more often than weekly, or 50 percent, if  
4.10 weekly, of its news columns devoted to news of local interest to the community which it  
4.11 purports to serve. Not more than 25 percent of its total nonadvertising column inches in  
4.12 any issue may wholly duplicate any other publication unless the duplicated material is  
4.13 from recognized general news services;

4.14 (d) be circulated in the political subdivision which it purports to serve, and either  
4.15 have at least ~~500~~ 400 copies regularly delivered to paying subscribers, or 250 copies  
4.16 delivered to paying subscribers if the political subdivision it purports to serve has a  
4.17 population of under 1,300, or have at least ~~500~~ 400 copies regularly distributed without  
4.18 charge to local residents, or 250 copies distributed without charge to local residents if the  
4.19 political subdivision it purports to serve has a population of under 1,300;

4.20 (e) have its known office of issue established in either the county in which lies, in  
4.21 whole or in part, the political subdivision which the newspaper purports to serve, or  
4.22 in an adjoining county;

4.23 (f) file a copy of each issue immediately with the State Historical Society;

4.24 (g) be made available at single or subscription prices to any person or entity  
4.25 requesting the newspaper and making the applicable payment, or be distributed without  
4.26 charge to local residents;

4.27 (h) have complied with all the foregoing conditions of this subdivision for at least  
4.28 one year immediately preceding the date of the notice publication;

4.29 (i) between September 1 and December 31 of each year publish a sworn United  
4.30 States Post Office periodicals-class statement of ownership and circulation or a statement  
4.31 of ownership and circulation verified by a recognized independent circulation auditing  
4.32 agency covering a period of at least one year ending no earlier than the June 30 preceding  
4.33 the publication deadline. When publication occurs after December 31 and before July  
4.34 1, qualification shall be effective from the date of the filing described in paragraph (j)  
4.35 through December 31 of that year; and

5.1 (j) after publication, submit to the secretary of state by December 31 a filing  
5.2 containing the newspaper's name, address of its known office of issue, telephone number,  
5.3 and a statement that it has complied with all of the requirements of this section. The  
5.4 filing must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. The secretary of state shall make available  
5.5 for public inspection a list of newspapers that have filed. Acceptance of a filing does not  
5.6 constitute a guarantee by the state that any other qualification has been met.

5.7 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 344.18, is amended to read:

5.8 **344.18 COMPENSATION OF VIEWERS.**

5.9 Fence viewers must be paid for their services by the person employing them ~~at the~~  
5.10 ~~rate of \$15 each for each day's employment. \$60 must be deposited with the town or city~~  
5.11 ~~treasurer before the service is performed. Upon completion of the service, any of the \$60~~  
5.12 ~~not spent to compensate the fence viewers must be returned to the depositor. The town~~  
5.13 ~~board may by resolution require the person employing the fence viewers to post a bond or~~  
5.14 ~~other security acceptable to the board for the total estimated costs before the viewing takes~~  
5.15 ~~place. The total estimated costs may include the cost of professional and other services,~~  
5.16 ~~hearing costs, administrative costs, recording costs, and other costs and expenses which~~  
5.17 ~~the town may incur in connection with the viewing.~~

5.18 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 365.28, is amended to read:

5.19 **365.28 PUBLIC BURIAL GROUND IS TOWN'S AFTER TEN YEARS.**

5.20 A tract of land in a town becomes town property after it has been used as a public  
5.21 burial ground for ten years if the tract is not owned by a cemetery association. The town  
5.22 board shall control the burial ground as it controls other town cemeteries. A town that  
5.23 has accepted responsibility for an abandoned cemetery may prohibit further burials in the  
5.24 abandoned cemetery, and may cease all acceptance of responsibility for new burials.

5.25 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 375.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.26 Subdivision 1. **Fixed by county board.** (a) The county commissioners in all  
5.27 counties, except Hennepin and Ramsey, shall receive as compensation for services  
5.28 rendered by them for their respective counties, annual salaries and in addition may receive  
5.29 per diem payments and reimbursement for necessary expenses in performing the duties of  
5.30 the office as set by resolution of the county board. The salary and schedule of per diem  
5.31 payments shall not be effective until January 1 of the next year. The resolution shall  
5.32 contain a statement of the new salary on an annual basis. The board may establish a  
5.33 schedule of per diem payments for service by individual county commissioners on any  
5.34 board, committee, or commission of county government including committees of the

6.1 board, or for the performance of services by individual county commissioners when  
6.2 required by law. In addition to its publication in the official newspaper of the county as  
6.3 part of the proceedings of the meeting of the county board, the resolution setting the salary  
6.4 and schedule of per diem payments shall be published in one other newspaper of the  
6.5 county, if there is one located in a different municipality in the county than the official  
6.6 newspaper. The salary of a county commissioner or the schedule of per diem payments  
6.7 shall not change except in accordance with this subdivision.

6.8 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a resolution adopted by the county board to  
6.9 decrease commissioners' salaries or per diem payments may take effect at any time.

6.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

6.11 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 375.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

6.12 Subd. 2. **Small claims totaled.** Individualized itemized accounts, claims or  
6.13 demands allowed by the county board pursuant to section 471.38, subdivision 1, need not  
6.14 be published pursuant to subdivision 1, if the amount allowed from each claim is ~~\$300~~  
6.15 \$2,000 or less. The official proceedings following the itemization of accounts required  
6.16 shall contain a statement showing the total number of claims that did not exceed ~~\$300~~  
6.17 \$2,000 and their total dollar amount.

6.18 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 382.265, is amended to read:

6.19 **382.265 CLERK HIRE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.**

6.20 In all counties of this state where the amount of clerk hire now or hereafter provided  
6.21 by law for any county office shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of said office,  
6.22 the county officer in need of additional clerk hire shall prepare a petition and statement  
6.23 setting forth therein the amount of additional clerk hire needed and file the same with the  
6.24 county auditor, who shall present the same to the board of county commissioners at the  
6.25 next meeting of said board. If the board of county commissioners shall grant said petition  
6.26 by majority vote of all members elected to the board, then the amount of additional clerk  
6.27 hire requested in said petition shall thereupon become effective for said office. Said board  
6.28 shall act on any such petition within 60 days from the time it has been filed with the  
6.29 county auditor. If the board of county commissioners shall determine that the amount of  
6.30 additional clerk hire requested in said petition is excessive and more than is necessary for  
6.31 said office, it shall fix the amount of such additional clerk hire to be allowed, if any, and  
6.32 notify such officer thereof. ~~If said county officer or any taxpayer of the county shall be~~  
6.33 ~~dissatisfied with the decision of the board of county commissioners, the officer may, at~~  
6.34 ~~the officer's own expense, within ten days after the decision of said board, appeal to the~~  
6.35 ~~district court. The district court, either in term or vacation and upon ten days' notice to~~

7.1 ~~the chair of the board of county commissioners, shall hear such appeal and summarily~~  
7.2 ~~determine the amount of additional clerk hire needed by an order, a copy of which shall~~  
7.3 ~~be filed with the county auditor.~~

7.4 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 383B.021, is amended to read:

7.5 **383B.021 COMPENSATION.**

7.6 No per diem payment shall be allowed county board members for service on the  
7.7 county board or any other county body. County board members shall pay for parking in  
7.8 county owned parking facilities where payment is required. County board members may  
7.9 be allowed mileage for use of their personal automobile at a rate per mile.

7.10 The Hennepin County board may set the salary of board members by resolution  
7.11 limited to that subject. The salary must be stated as a fixed dollar amount. Adjustments  
7.12 in commissioners' salaries shall be adopted by the county board by resolution prior to a  
7.13 general election to take effect January 1 of the succeeding year, except that a resolution  
7.14 adopted by the county board to decrease commissioners' salaries may take effect at any  
7.15 time. Any resolution that makes an adjustment must state the change and the resulting  
7.16 salary for a member as fixed dollar amounts.

7.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

7.18 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 384.151, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

7.19 Subd. 1a. **Implementation.** (a) The county board of each of the counties ~~specified~~  
7.20 ~~in subdivision 1~~ of less than 75,000 population annually shall set by resolution the salary  
7.21 of the county auditor which shall be paid to the county auditor at such intervals as the  
7.22 board shall determine but not less often than once each month.

7.23 (b) At the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the  
7.24 office of county auditor the board shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the  
7.25 county auditor for the term next following.

7.26 (c) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of county auditor the board may  
7.27 set the annual salary for the remainder of the calendar year at an amount less than was  
7.28 set for that year.

7.29 ~~(d) The board, in any case specified in this subdivision, may not set the annual~~  
7.30 ~~salary at an amount less than the minimums provided in this subdivision but it may set~~  
7.31 ~~the salary in excess of such minimums.~~

7.32 ~~(e)~~ (d) The salary of the county auditor shall not be reduced during the term for  
7.33 which the auditor was elected or appointed.

7.34 ~~(f)~~ (e) In the event that duties are assigned to the auditor which are in addition to  
7.35 duties as auditor, additional compensation may be provided for the additional duties. The

8.1 county board by resolution shall determine the additional compensation which shall be  
8.2 paid and specify the duties for which the additional compensation is to be paid.

8.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 385.373, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

8.4 Subd. 1a. **Implementation.** (a) The county board of each of the counties ~~specified~~  
8.5 ~~in subdivision 1~~ of less than 75,000 population annually shall set by resolution the salary  
8.6 of the county treasurer which shall be paid to the county treasurer at such intervals as the  
8.7 board shall determine but not less often than once each month.

8.8 (b) At the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the  
8.9 office of county treasurer the board shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid  
8.10 the county treasurer for the term next following.

8.11 (c) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of county treasurer the board may  
8.12 set the annual salary for the remainder of the calendar year at an amount less than was  
8.13 set for that year.

8.14 ~~(d) The board in no case may set the annual salary at an amount less than the~~  
8.15 ~~minimums provided in this subdivision but it may set the salary in excess of the minimums.~~

8.16 ~~(e)~~ (d) The salary of the county treasurer shall not be reduced during the term for  
8.17 which the treasurer was elected or appointed.

8.18 ~~(f)~~ (e) In the event that duties are assigned to the treasurer which are in addition to  
8.19 duties as treasurer, additional compensation may be provided for the additional duties.  
8.20 The county board by resolution shall determine the additional compensation which shall  
8.21 be paid and specify the duties for which the additional compensation is to be paid.

8.22 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 386.015, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

8.23 Subd. 2. **Board's salary procedure.** (a) The county board of each of the counties  
8.24 ~~specified in subdivision 1~~ of less than 75,000 population annually shall set by resolution  
8.25 the salary of the county recorder which shall be paid to the county recorder at such  
8.26 intervals as the board shall determine but not less often than once each month.

8.27 (b) At the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the  
8.28 office of county recorder the board shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid  
8.29 county recorder for the term next following.

8.30 (c) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the county recorder the board  
8.31 may set the annual salary for the remainder of the calendar year at an amount less than  
8.32 was set for that year.

8.33 ~~(d) The board in any case specified in this subdivision may not set the annual salary~~  
8.34 ~~at an amount less than the minimum provided in subdivision 1 but it may set the salary in~~  
8.35 ~~excess of such minimums.~~



9.1           ~~(e)~~ (d) The salary of the county recorder shall not be reduced during the term for  
9.2 which the recorder is elected or appointed.

9.3           ~~(f)~~ (e) In the event that duties are assigned to the county recorder which are in  
9.4 addition to duties as county recorder, additional compensation may be provided for  
9.5 the additional duties. The county board by resolution shall determine the additional  
9.6 compensation which shall be paid and specify the duties for which the additional  
9.7 compensation is to be paid.

9.8           Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 387.20, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

9.9           Subdivision 1. **Counties under 75,000.** ~~(a) The sheriffs of all counties of the state~~  
9.10 ~~with less than 75,000 inhabitants according to the 1960 federal census shall receive yearly~~  
9.11 ~~salaries for all services rendered by them for their respective counties, not less than the~~  
9.12 ~~following amounts according to the then last preceding federal census:~~

9.13           ~~(1) in counties with less than 10,000 inhabitants, \$6,000;~~

9.14           ~~(2) in counties with 10,000 but less than 20,000 inhabitants, \$6,500;~~

9.15           ~~(3) in counties with 20,000 but less than 30,000 inhabitants, \$7,000;~~

9.16           ~~(4) in counties with 30,000 but less than 40,000 inhabitants, \$7,500;~~

9.17           ~~(5) in counties with 40,000 or more inhabitants, \$8,000.~~

9.18           ~~(b)~~ (a) In addition to ~~such~~ the sheriff's salary ~~each,~~ the sheriff shall be reimbursed for  
9.19 all expenses incurred in the performance of official duties for the sheriff's county and the  
9.20 claim for ~~such~~ the expenses shall be prepared, allowed, and paid in the same manner as  
9.21 other claims against counties are prepared, allowed, and paid except that the expenses  
9.22 incurred by ~~such~~ the sheriffs in the performance of service required of them in connection  
9.23 with insane persons either by a district court or by law and a per diem for deputies and  
9.24 assistants necessarily required under ~~such~~ the performance of ~~such~~ the services shall be  
9.25 allowed and paid as provided by the law regulating the apprehension, examination, and  
9.26 commitment of insane persons; provided that any sheriff or deputy receiving an annual  
9.27 salary shall pay over any per diem received to the county in the manner and at the time  
9.28 prescribed by the county board, but not less often than once each month.

9.29           ~~(e)~~ (b) All claims for livery hire shall state the purpose for which such livery was  
9.30 used and have attached thereto a receipt for the amount paid for such livery signed by  
9.31 the person of whom it was hired.

9.32           ~~(d)~~ (c) A county may pay a sheriff or deputy as compensation for the use of a  
9.33 personal automobile in the performance of official duties a mileage allowance prescribed  
9.34 by the county board or a monthly or other periodic allowance in lieu of mileage. The  
9.35 allowance for automobile use is not subject to limits set by other law.

10.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 387.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.2 Subd. 2. **Board procedure, details.** (a) The county board of each of the counties  
10.3 ~~specified in this section~~ of less than 75,000 population annually shall set by resolution the  
10.4 salary of the county sheriff which shall be paid to the county sheriff at such intervals as the  
10.5 board shall determine, but not less often than once each month.

10.6 (b) At the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the  
10.7 office of county sheriff the board shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the  
10.8 county sheriff for the term next following.

10.9 (c) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of county sheriff, the board may  
10.10 set the annual salary for the remainder of the calendar year at an amount less than was  
10.11 set for that year.

10.12 ~~(d) The board in any case specified in this subdivision may not set the annual~~  
10.13 ~~salary at an amount less than the minimum provided in this subdivision, but it may set~~  
10.14 ~~the salary in excess of such minimums.~~

10.15 ~~(e)~~ (d) The salary of the county sheriff shall not be reduced during the term for  
10.16 which the sheriff was elected or appointed.

10.17 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 415.11, is amended by adding a subdivision  
10.18 to read:

10.19 Subd. 3. **Temporary reductions.** Notwithstanding subdivision 2 or a charter  
10.20 provision to the contrary, the governing body may enact an ordinance to take effect before  
10.21 the next succeeding municipal election that reduces the salaries of the members of the  
10.22 governing body. The ordinance shall be in effect for 12 months, unless another period of  
10.23 time is specified in the ordinance, after which the salary of the members reverts to the  
10.24 salary in effect immediately before the ordinance was enacted.

10.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

10.26 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 429.041, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

10.27 Subdivision 1. **Plans and specifications, advertisement for bids.** When the  
10.28 council determines to make any improvement, it shall let the contract for all or part of  
10.29 the work, or order all or part of the work done by day labor or otherwise as authorized by  
10.30 subdivision 2, no later than one year after the adoption of the resolution ordering such  
10.31 improvement, unless a different time limit is specifically stated in the resolution ordering  
10.32 the improvement. The council shall cause plans and specifications of the improvement  
10.33 to be made, or if previously made, to be modified, if necessary, and to be approved and  
10.34 filed with the clerk, and if the estimated cost exceeds ~~\$50,000~~ the amount in section

11.1 471.345, subdivision 3, shall advertise for bids for the improvement in the newspaper and  
 11.2 such other papers and for such length of time as it may deem advisable. If the estimated  
 11.3 cost exceeds ~~\$100,000~~ twice the amount in section 471.345, subdivision 3, publication  
 11.4 shall be made no less than three weeks before the last day for submission of bids once  
 11.5 in the newspaper and at least once in either a newspaper published in a city of the first  
 11.6 class or a trade paper. To be eligible as such a trade paper, a publication shall have all  
 11.7 the qualifications of a legal newspaper except that instead of the requirement that it shall  
 11.8 contain general and local news, such trade paper shall contain building and construction  
 11.9 news of interest to contractors in this state, among whom it shall have a general circulation.  
 11.10 The advertisement shall specify the work to be done, shall state the time when the bids  
 11.11 will be publicly opened for consideration by the council, which shall be not less than ten  
 11.12 days after the first publication of the advertisement when the estimated cost is less than  
 11.13 ~~\$100,000~~ twice the amount in section 471.345, subdivision 3, and not less than three  
 11.14 weeks after such publication in other cases, and shall state that no bids will be considered  
 11.15 unless sealed and filed with the clerk and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check,  
 11.16 bid bond, or certified check payable to the clerk, for such percentage of the amount of the  
 11.17 bid as the council may specify. In providing for the advertisement for bids the council  
 11.18 may direct that the bids shall be opened publicly by two or more designated officers or  
 11.19 agents of the municipality and tabulated in advance of the meeting at which they are to  
 11.20 be considered by the council. Nothing herein shall prevent the council from advertising  
 11.21 separately for various portions of the work involved in an improvement, or from itself,  
 11.22 supplying by such means as may be otherwise authorized by law, all or any part of the  
 11.23 materials, supplies, or equipment to be used in the improvement or from combining two or  
 11.24 more improvements in a single set of plans and specifications or a single contract.

11.25 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 429.041, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

11.26 Subd. 2. **Contracts; day labor.** In contracting for an improvement, the council shall  
 11.27 require the execution of one or more written contracts and bonds, conditioned as required  
 11.28 by law. The council shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder or it may  
 11.29 reject all bids. If any bidder to whom a contract is awarded fails to enter promptly into  
 11.30 a written contract and to furnish the required bond, the defaulting bidder shall forfeit to  
 11.31 the municipality the amount of the defaulter's cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or  
 11.32 certified check, and the council may thereupon award the contract to the next lowest  
 11.33 responsible bidder. When it appears to the council that the cost of the entire work projected  
 11.34 will be less than ~~\$50,000~~ the amount in section 471.345, subdivision 3, or whenever no  
 11.35 bid is submitted after proper advertisement or the only bids submitted are higher than  
 11.36 the engineer's estimate, the council may advertise for new bids or, without advertising

12.1 for bids, directly purchase the materials for the work and do it by the employment of day  
 12.2 labor or in any other manner the council considers proper. The council may have the  
 12.3 work supervised by the city engineer or other qualified person but shall have the work  
 12.4 supervised by a registered engineer if done by day labor and it appears to the council that  
 12.5 the entire cost of all work and materials for the improvement will be more than ~~\$25,000~~  
 12.6 the lowest amount in section 471.345, subdivision 4. In case of improper construction  
 12.7 or unreasonable delay in the prosecution of the work by the contractor, the council may  
 12.8 order and cause the suspension of the work at any time and relet the contract, or order  
 12.9 a reconstruction of any portion of the work improperly done, and where the cost of  
 12.10 completion or reconstruction necessary will be less than ~~\$50,000~~ the amount in section  
 12.11 471.345, subdivision 3, the council may do it by the employment of day labor.

12.12 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 469.015, is amended to read:

12.13 **469.015 LETTING OF CONTRACTS; PERFORMANCE BONDS.**

12.14 Subdivision 1. **Bids; notice.** All construction work, and work of demolition or  
 12.15 clearing, and every purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials, necessary in carrying  
 12.16 out the purposes of sections 469.001 to 469.047, that involve expenditure of ~~\$50,000~~ the  
 12.17 amount in section 471.345, subdivision 3, or more shall be awarded by contract. Before  
 12.18 receiving bids the authority shall publish, once a week for two consecutive weeks in an  
 12.19 official newspaper of general circulation in the community a notice that bids will be  
 12.20 received for that construction work, or that purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials.  
 12.21 The notice shall state the nature of the work and the terms and conditions upon which the  
 12.22 contract is to be let, naming a time and place where bids will be received, opened and read  
 12.23 publicly, which time shall be not less than seven days after the date of the last publication.  
 12.24 After the bids have been received, opened and read publicly and recorded, the authority  
 12.25 shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that the authority  
 12.26 reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Each contract shall be executed in writing, and  
 12.27 the person to whom the contract is awarded shall give sufficient bond to the authority for its  
 12.28 faithful performance. If no satisfactory bid is received, the authority may readvertise. The  
 12.29 authority may establish reasonable qualifications to determine the fitness and responsibility  
 12.30 of bidders and to require bidders to meet the qualifications before bids are accepted.

12.31 Subd. 1a. **Best value alternative.** As an alternative to the procurement method  
 12.32 described in subdivision 1, the authority may issue a request for proposals and award the  
 12.33 contract to the vendor or contractor offering the best value under a request for proposals as  
 12.34 described in section 16C.28, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), and paragraph (c).

13.1 Subd. 2. **Exception; emergency.** If the authority by a vote of four-fifths of its  
13.2 members shall declare that an emergency exists requiring the immediate purchase of  
13.3 any equipment or material or supplies at a cost in excess of ~~\$50,000~~ the amount in  
13.4 section 471.345, subdivision 3, but not exceeding ~~\$75,000~~ one-half again as much as  
13.5 the amount in section 471.345, subdivision 3, or making of emergency repairs, it shall  
13.6 not be necessary to advertise for bids, but the material, equipment, or supplies may be  
13.7 purchased in the open market at the lowest price obtainable, or the emergency repairs may  
13.8 be contracted for or performed without securing formal competitive bids. An emergency,  
13.9 for purposes of this subdivision, shall be understood to be unforeseen circumstances or  
13.10 conditions which result in the placing in jeopardy of human life or property.

13.11 Subd. 3. **Performance and payment bonds.** Performance and payment bonds shall  
13.12 be required from contractors for any works of construction as provided in and subject  
13.13 to all the provisions of sections 574.26 to 574.31 except for contracts entered into by  
13.14 an authority for an expenditure of less than ~~\$50,000~~ the minimum threshold amount in  
13.15 section 471.345, subdivision 3.

13.16 Subd. 4. **Exceptions.** (a) An authority need not require competitive bidding in the  
13.17 following circumstances:

13.18 (1) in the case of a contract for the acquisition of a low-rent housing project:

13.19 (i) for which financial assistance is provided by the federal government;

13.20 (ii) which does not require any direct loan or grant of money from the municipality  
13.21 as a condition of the federal financial assistance; and

13.22 (iii) for which the contract provides for the construction of the project upon land that  
13.23 is either owned by the authority for redevelopment purposes or not owned by the authority  
13.24 at the time of the contract but the contract provides for the conveyance or lease to the  
13.25 authority of the project or improvements upon completion of construction;

13.26 (2) with respect to a structured parking facility:

13.27 (i) constructed in conjunction with, and directly above or below, a development; and

13.28 (ii) financed with the proceeds of tax increment or parking ramp general obligation  
13.29 or revenue bonds;

13.30 (3) until August 1, 2009, with respect to a facility built for the purpose of facilitating  
13.31 the operation of public transit or encouraging its use:

13.32 (i) constructed in conjunction with, and directly above or below, a development; and

13.33 (ii) financed with the proceeds of parking ramp general obligation or revenue bonds  
13.34 or with at least 60 percent of the construction cost being financed with funding provided  
13.35 by the federal government; and

14.1 (4) in the case of any building in which at least 75 percent of the usable square  
14.2 footage constitutes a housing development project if:

14.3 (i) the project is financed with the proceeds of bonds issued under section 469.034 or  
14.4 from nongovernmental sources;

14.5 (ii) the project is either located on land that is owned or is being acquired by the  
14.6 authority only for development purposes, or is not owned by the authority at the time the  
14.7 contract is entered into but the contract provides for conveyance or lease to the authority  
14.8 of the project or improvements upon completion of construction; and

14.9 (iii) the authority finds and determines that elimination of the public bidding  
14.10 requirements is necessary in order for the housing development project to be economical  
14.11 and feasible.

14.12 (b) An authority need not require a performance bond for the following projects:

14.13 (1) a contract described in paragraph (a), clause (1);

14.14 (2) a construction change order for a housing project in which 30 percent of the  
14.15 construction has been completed;

14.16 (3) a construction contract for a single-family housing project in which the authority  
14.17 acts as the general construction contractor; or

14.18 (4) a services or materials contract for a housing project.

14.19 For purposes of this paragraph, "services or materials contract" does not include  
14.20 construction contracts.

14.21 Subd. 5. **Security in lieu of bond.** The authority may accept a certified check or  
14.22 cashier's check in the same amount as required for a bond in lieu of a performance bond  
14.23 for contracts entered into by an authority for an expenditure of less than ~~\$50,000~~ the  
14.24 minimum threshold amount in section 471.345, subdivision 3. The check must be held by  
14.25 the authority for 90 days after the contract has been completed. If no suit is brought within  
14.26 the 90 days, the authority must return the amount of the check to the person making it. If a  
14.27 suit is brought within the 90-day period, the authority must disburse the amount of the  
14.28 check pursuant to the order of the court.

14.29 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.661, is amended to read:

14.30 **471.661 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL.**

14.31 ~~By January 1, 2006,~~ The governing body of each statutory or home rule charter city,  
14.32 county, school district, regional agency, or other political subdivision, except a town, must  
14.33 ~~develop~~ have on record a policy that controls travel outside the state of Minnesota for  
14.34 the applicable elected officials of the relevant unit of government. The policy must be  
14.35 approved by a recorded vote and specify:

- 15.1 (1) when travel outside the state is appropriate;
- 15.2 (2) applicable expense limits; and
- 15.3 (3) procedures for approval of the travel.

15.4 The policy must be made available for public inspection upon request ~~and reviewed~~  
15.5 ~~annually~~. Subsequent changes to the policy must be approved by a recorded vote.

15.6 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 473.862, is amended to read:

15.7 **473.862 METRO COUNTIES OTHER THAN HENNEPIN, RAMSEY,**  
15.8 **ANOKA, AND DAKOTA.**

15.9 Subdivision 1. **Contents of plan.** Comprehensive plans of counties shall contain at  
15.10 least the following:

15.11 (a) Except for the counties of Hennepin ~~and~~, Ramsey, Anoka, and Dakota, a land  
15.12 use plan as specified in section 473.859, subdivision 2, for all unincorporated territory  
15.13 within the county;

15.14 (b) A public facilities plan which shall include all appropriate matters specified  
15.15 in section 473.859, subdivision 3, including a transportation plan, and a description of  
15.16 existing and projected solid waste disposal sites and facilities;

15.17 (c) An implementation program, as specified in section 473.859, subdivision 4.

15.18 Subd. 2. **Towns with no plan by 1976.** Each county other than Hennepin ~~and~~,  
15.19 Ramsey, Anoka, and Dakota shall prepare, with the participation and assistance of the  
15.20 town, the comprehensive plan for any town within the county which fails by December  
15.21 31, 1976, to take action by resolution pursuant to section 473.861, subdivision 2 and shall  
15.22 prepare all or part of any plan delegated to it pursuant to section 473.861, subdivision 2.

15.23 Subd. 3. **Towns that cannot plan.** Each county other than Hennepin ~~and~~, Ramsey,  
15.24 Anoka, and Dakota shall prepare, with the participation and assistance of the town, the  
15.25 comprehensive plan for each town within the county not authorized to plan under sections  
15.26 462.351 to 462.364, or under special law.

15.27 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 641.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.28 Subdivision 1. **Fee.** A county board may require that each person who is booked for  
15.29 confinement at a county or regional jail, and not released upon completion of the booking  
15.30 process, pay a fee ~~of up to \$10~~ to the sheriff's department of the county in which the jail  
15.31 is located to cover costs incurred by the county in the booking of that person. The fee  
15.32 is payable immediately from any money then possessed by the person being booked, or  
15.33 any money deposited with the sheriff's department on the person's behalf. If the person  
15.34 has no funds at the time of booking or during the period of any incarceration, the sheriff

16.1 shall notify the district court in the county where the charges related to the booking are  
16.2 pending, and shall request the assessment of the fee. Notwithstanding section 609.10 or  
16.3 609.125, upon notification from the sheriff, the district court must order the fee paid to the  
16.4 sheriff's department as part of any sentence or disposition imposed. If the person is not  
16.5 charged, is acquitted, or if the charges are dismissed, the sheriff shall return the fee to the  
16.6 person at the last known address listed in the booking records.

16.7 **Sec. 24. RECORD RETENTION TASK FORCE; REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.**

16.8 The Records Retention Task Force of the Minnesota Clerks and Finance Officers  
16.9 Association, in conjunction with the Minnesota Historical Society, must conduct a study  
16.10 to review the permanent retention schedules applicable to the records of all governmental  
16.11 bodies in the state. The task force study must contain recommendations for future  
16.12 methods of determining the appropriate time for the retention of various classes of records  
16.13 maintained by the governmental bodies and the task force must report its findings to  
16.14 the appropriate standing committees of the senate and house of representatives whose  
16.15 jurisdiction includes the maintenance of public records by February 15, 2010.

16.16 **Sec. 25. REPEALER.**

16.17 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 373.42; 384.151, subdivisions 1 and 3; 385.373,  
16.18 subdivisions 1 and 3; 386.015, subdivisions 1 and 4; and 387.20, subdivision 4, are  
16.19 repealed."

16.20 Delete the title and insert:

16.21 "A bill for an act  
16.22 relating to local government; removing, extending, or modifying certain  
16.23 mandates upon local governmental units; changing requirements for a qualified  
16.24 newspaper; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 168.33, subdivision 7;  
16.25 306.243, by adding a subdivision; 326B.145; 331A.02, subdivision 1; 344.18;  
16.26 365.28; 375.055, subdivision 1; 375.12, subdivision 2; 382.265; 383B.021;  
16.27 384.151, subdivision 1a; 385.373, subdivision 1a; 386.015, subdivision 2;  
16.28 387.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 415.11, by adding a subdivision; 429.041, subdivisions  
16.29 1, 2; 469.015; 471.661; 473.862; 641.12, subdivision 1; proposing coding for  
16.30 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008,  
16.31 sections 373.42; 384.151, subdivisions 1, 3; 385.373, subdivisions 1, 3; 386.015,  
16.32 subdivisions 1, 4; 387.20, subdivision 4."



17.1 We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

17.2 House Conferees: (Signed)

17.3 .....  
17.4 Michael V. Nelson Frank Hornstein

17.5 .....  
17.6 Morrie Lanning

17.7 Senate Conferees: (Signed)

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17.9 Ann H. Rest Chris Gerlach

17.10 .....  
17.11 Tony Lourey