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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2475

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; permitting appointment to the Central Iron Range
1.3 Sanitary Sewer Board of members of the governing bodies of participating
1.4 municipalities; amending Laws 2009, chapter 122, section 3, subdivisions 1, 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2009, chapter 122, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Any two or more of the following municipalities in St.
1.8 Louis County may establish, by resolution of their respective governing bodies, the Central
1.9 Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District: the cities of Buhl, Chisholm, and Kinney, and the towns
1.10 of Balkan and Great Scott. Instead of adopting a resolution, a municipality may hold a
1.11 referendum on the question of whether to join the district at a general or special election.
1.12 After a municipality has adopted a resolution or held a referendum in which the voters
1.13 approved joining the district, the municipality must provide notice to the chief clerical
1.14 officer of other municipalities listed. The district is established when the first two
1.15 municipalities have notified the other municipalities. Other municipalities may join without
1.16 the consent of the member municipalities within 60 days after the district is established. If
1.17 the district is established, it also includes the territory occupied by the Minnesota Discovery
1.18 Center, formerly Ironworld. The sewer district is under the control and management of the
1.19 Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer Board. The district is established as a public corporation
1.20 and political subdivision of the state with perpetual succession and all the rights, powers,
1.21 privileges, immunities, and duties granted to or imposed upon a municipal corporation, as
1.22 provided in this act.

1.23 EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL. This section is effective the day after
1.24 the governing body and chief clerical officer of each municipality that is part of the Central

2.1 Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District timely complete their compliance with Minnesota
2.2 Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

2.3 Sec. 2. Laws 2009, chapter 122, section 3, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 2. **Members and selection.** The board is composed of members selected as
2.5 provided in this subdivision. The town board of each township that joins the district shall
2.6 appoint one ~~resident~~ member to the sewer board. The city council of each city that joins the
2.7 district shall appoint members to the sewer board as follows: three members for the city of
2.8 Chisholm, two members for the city of Buhl, and one member for the city of Kinney. One
2.9 member must be selected by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB)
2.10 on behalf of ~~Ironworld~~ the Minnesota Discovery Center. Each member of the sewer board:

2.11 (1) must be a resident of the municipality the member represents, except the member
2.12 appointed by the IRRRB;

2.13 (2) may be a member of the governing body of the municipality appointing the member;
2.14 and

2.15 (3) has one vote.

2.16 The first terms are as follows: one-third of the members for one year, one-third for two
2.17 years, and the remainder for three years, fixed by lot at the district's first meeting; thereafter,
2.18 all terms are for three years.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.** This section is effective retroactively
2.20 from December 27, 2003, and all appointments of sewer board members made since such
2.21 date are ratified and confirmed, the day after the governing body and chief clerical officer
2.22 of each municipality that is part of the Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District timely
2.23 complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.