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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill amends the Hennepin county statutes to allow a number of obligations of and to the county to be paid by electronic funds transfer and credit card.

1 **Payment methods.** Expands payment methods for county obligations to include check and electronic and wire funds transfer, as well as warrant. Exempts payments made by electronic or wire funds transfer from the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 471.38 that claims against the county must include a signed written itemization before such claims are paid.

2 **Authority to accept payment by credit card or other methods.** Allows the county to accept payments by use of credit card, debit card, or electronic or wire funds transfer. Authorizes a service charge for payments made by these methods, and directs the county to adopt policies and procedures for accepting such payments.

3 **Electronic approvals.** Authorizes the county to use electronic approvals to authenticate and validate county administrative actions, and directs the county to establish policies and procedures to ensure the validity of electronic approvals.

4 **Credit cards.** Authorizes the county to allow officials, officers, and employees to incur charges for county purposes on county credit cards, and directs the county to adopt policies and procedures for credit card use.

5 **Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.