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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Under general law in chapter 375A, a county may make the office of recorder appointive if approved by a referendum. This bill allows Carlton county to make the office an appointed position, subject to a four-fifths vote of the county board and reverse referendum. Last session, special legislation authorized Cass, Goodhue, Hubbard, and Wright counties to change various offices from elective to appointive, subject to the same conditions.

### Section

- 1 **Recorder may be appointed.** Provides that if Carlton county adopts a resolution, the office of county recorder may be appointive, notwithstanding the general law requiring it to be elective.
- 2 **Board controls, may change as long as duties done.** Directs that the duties of the county recorder be discharged by the county board through a department head appointed by the board if a resolution is adopted making the office appointive.
- 3 **Appointee to vacancy.** Provides that the person appointed to fill the vacancy in the office following the December 2000 retirement of the elected recorder may serve until the board makes the office appointive or a recorder is elected at the end of the term filled by appointment.
- 4 **Four-fifths vote; reverse referendum.** Requires 80 percent of the county board to approve the resolution to make a position appointive. Requires published notice and an opportunity for public comment at the next regular meeting of the county board after the notice. Provides for a reverse referendum.
- 5 **Effective date.** After local approval.