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This bill makes technical changes to the special law governing the St. Paul RiverCentre Authority.

- ▶ It updates the name of the authority from civic center authority to RiverCentre Authority and updates reference to city councilmembers who serve on the Authority to match the term used in the city charter.
- ▶ It provides for the city councilmembers who serve on the Authority to serve four-year terms instead of two-year terms and provides for the terms to follow the calendar year, the same as for city councilmembers. (The city charter was amended in 1998 to provide that councilmembers serve four-year instead of two-year terms on the council, and since a 1980 charter amendment, city elections have been held in November for calendar year terms, instead of the spring.)
- ▶ It allows the Authority to accept gifts from entities other than individuals and governments by changing "individual" to "person," which under Minn. Stat. § 645.44, subd. 7, is defined to include corporations and other associations.
- ▶ It provides for the Authority's budget to be submitted to the city in October instead of August.

The bill is effective after local approval.