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Overview

This bill clarifies towns' levying and spending authority to provide that "total revenue" includes property taxes, revenue from other sources, and amounts carried forward from previous years.

Section

- 1** **Total revenue defined.** Defines "total revenue" for town spending purposes as property taxes payable in that year as well as revenue from other sources and amounts carried forward from previous years. Provides that without a vote by the electors a town must not spend more than its total revenue (the language under current law refers only to property taxes levied).

This bill is in response to a clarification of a town's spending authority by the Minnesota Association of Townships and a letter from the State Auditor endorsing the need for this clarification.

- 2** **Amount voted at meeting is tax limit.** Allows a town to impose a tax as authorized by other laws in addition to those voted on at the annual town meeting (e.g., subordinate service districts, special assessments, etc.).