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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

House File 1389 clarifies the long-standing presumption that county fairgrounds are exempt from local zoning ordinances throughout the year.

#### Section

- 1 County agricultural societies; formation, powers.** General Laws of Minnesota for 1860, chapter XVII, authorized the citizens of any county or group of counties to organize an agricultural society or association for purposes of owning real property and improvements to the property where the society could hold an annual fair. New language makes it clear that the fairgrounds are exempt from local zoning ordinances throughout the year.
- 2 Exemption from zoning ordinances.** The existing section of statute that exempted fairgrounds from zoning ordinances is amended to declare that "agricultural fair purposes" includes management of the fairgrounds property throughout the year.