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Overview

Under general law in chapter 375A, a county may make the offices of recorder and auditor-treasurer appointive if approved by a referendum. This bill allows Pope County to make these offices appointed positions, subject to a four-fifths vote of the county board and reverse referendum. Since 2001, about nine counties have been authorized by special legislation to change various offices from elective to appointive, subject to the same conditions. About 18 counties have appointed recorders.

Section

1 Pope County officers may be appointed.

Subd. 1. Authority to make offices appointive. Provides that if Pope County adopts a resolution, the offices of county recorder and auditor-treasurer may be appointive, notwithstanding the general law requiring them to be elective.

Subd. 2. Board controls; may change as long as duties done. Provides for recorder and auditor-treasurer duties under law to be met by the county board through division heads appointed by the board if the offices are made appointed.

Subd. 3. Incumbents to complete term. Provides for currently elected office holders to complete their terms before the offices become appointive.

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Subd. 4. Publishing resolution; petition, referendum. Requires an 80 percent vote of the county board, published notice of the resolution, and public hearing. Provides for reverse referendum.

Subd. 5. Effective date; local approval. Effective day after Pope County board completes local approval process.