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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Specifies conditions under which salary for legislators and the Governor is forfeited if major appropriation and revenue bills are not enacted.

#### Section

#### **1 Salary forfeiture.**

**Subd. 1. Other laws superseded.** Provides that this law supersedes other contrary law.

**Subd. 2. Failure to enact budget in odd-numbered year.** (a) Provides that in an odd-numbered year:

(1) legislators and the Governor forfeit their salary for June if the House and the Senate have not passed all of the major appropriation and revenue bills by the May deadline for adjournment;

(2) legislators and the Governor forfeit their salary for July and August if the House and the Senate have not passed all of the major appropriation and revenue bills by June 30; and

(3) after August, legislators and the Governor forfeit their salary for the next month if the House and Senate have not passed major appropriation bills by the end of the preceding month.

(b) Provides that legislators may not receive per diem or reimbursement for travel

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during a period in which members forfeit their salary.

(c) Specifies timing if the Governor forfeits salary.

(d) Defines "major appropriation and revenue bills".

**Subd. 3. Failure to enact budget decisions in even-numbered years.** Provides that if the legislature meets in regular session in an even-numbered year, legislators and the governor forfeit salary if a budget deficit is forecast and the house and senate do not pass legislature necessary to correct the imbalance. Provides that this subdivision does not apply if the projected deficit is less than ten percent of the budget reserve.

**Subd. 4. Exemption from forfeiture.** Provides that the forfeiture provisions of this section do not apply to members of the legislature who are not a part of a legislative subgroup whenever the subgroup prevents a majority of the full house or senate from taking legislative action to move towards adoption of budget bills.

**Subd. 5. Forfeiture of salary for governor.** Provides that if the governor's veto of a major budget bill necessitates a special session, the Governor forfeits salary under the necessary budget bill is enacted.