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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides an alternative means for establishing an emergency medical services special taxing district for political subdivisions located wholly outside the metropolitan area. Current law allows two or more political subdivisions to establish such a district by resolution. This bill would allow political subdivisions constituting over 66% of the taxable market value of a primary service area to establish the district by resolution and to levy on all property within the primary service area. "Primary service area" means the geographic area that can reasonably be served by an ambulance service. (Minnesota Statutes 144E.001, subd. 10.)

Section

- 1 **Alternative procedure.** Allows political subdivisions constituting over 66% of the taxable market value of a primary service area to establish an emergency medical services special taxing district by resolution and to levy on all property within the primary service area.
- 2 **Representation on board.** Allows political subdivisions included in a special taxing district under section 1 to have proportional representation on the district board.
- 3 **Levy authority.** Increases the levy authority for an emergency medical services special taxing district from \$250,000 to \$400,000.
- 4 **Withdrawal.** Provides that voluntary withdrawal from an emergency medical services special taxing district is only permitted for voluntary participants.
- 5 **Sunset eliminated.** The sunset of chapter 144F is repealed.