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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill amends the law providing for optional forms of county government, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 375A. Currently, a county may provide for appointment, instead of election, of the county auditor, treasurer, recorder, or auditor-treasurer, but only after passing a referendum on the change. The bill eliminates the referendum requirement to allow instead the change to take place without a referendum if it is approved by an 80 percent vote of the county board, subject to a reverse referendum after notice and a hearing. Over the years, a number of counties have gotten special legislation authorizing them to make these positions appointed, most of them subject to reverse referendum, rather than follow the procedures requiring a referendum in chapter 375A.

#### Section

- 1 Technical, cross-reference.
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- 3 **Publishing resolution; hearing; petition; referendum.** Allows a county to change to appointing instead of electing the county auditor, treasurer, auditor-treasurer, or recorder, by resolution of the county board, without a voter referendum on the change, if 80 percent of the board votes for the change, subject to a reverse referendum after notice and a hearing. The referendum could be held at a regular or special election.
- 4 Technical, cross-reference.