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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill authorizes Yellow Medicine county to establish an economic development authority.

- Yellow Medicine county, EDA.** Authorizes Yellow Medicine county to establish an economic development authority (EDA). Under general law, only cities may establish EDAs. The Yellow Medicine county EDA would have all the powers available to EDAs established by a city under general law. In addition, the Yellow Medicine EDA would have broader authority to establish economic development districts. City EDAs are limited to establishing these districts in contiguous areas that meet the "blight test" for redevelopment districts under the tax increment financing law. The county EDA could establish noncontiguous districts anywhere in the county. If a district is to be established in a city, however, the city council must approve the project.  
**Tax levy authority.** EDAs have general authority to levy up to 0.01813% of taxable market value. This levy is subject to a reverse referendum. Because the EDA is a separate governmental unit, this levy would be in addition to the county's levy limit.
- Effective date.** Effective upon local approval by the county board.