Overview

This bill makes several changes and deletions to reporting requirements for the Metropolitan Council. The bill also allows the council to use facsimile or digital signatures, clarifies deadlines for electing to participate in the local housing initiatives program of the Livable Communities Act, and deletes the chapter of Minnesota Rules on Metropolitan Council wastewater services.

1  Facsimile or digital signatures. Permits the council to use digital signatures and facsimile or electronic approvals, if digital signatures are not practicable, in place of original signatures.

2  Budget. Repeals certain information requirements for the council's biennial (even-numbered years) transit program financial plan.

3  Participation. Changes procedure for a municipality to elect to participate, or to revoke its election to participate, in the local housing incentive account program of the Livable Communities Act. If an election to participate occurs by November 15, it is effective commencing the next calendar year and remains in effect until revoked. A revocation occurring by November 15 is also effective commencing the next calendar year, while an election or revocation occurring after November 15 will not be effective until the year after the next.

4  Financial report. Specifies that the biennial (December 15 of even-numbered years) financial report of the metropolitan mosquito control commission to the legislature must meet the requirements for Metropolitan Council financial reports in the 1998 version of Minnesota statutes (the subdivision containing these requirements is repealed by section 5 of this bill).

5  Task force on metropolitan government created.

Subd. 1. Established. Creates the task force.

Subd. 2. Duties. Directs the task force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the appropriate role and responsibilities of metropolitan government by January 1, 2001. Directs the task force to review legislation introduced during the 1999-2000 legislative sessions and to examine the statutes governing the council.
**Subd. 3. Membership.** Provides for 18 members. Makes the chairs of the house and senate local and metropolitan government committees co-chairs.

**Subd. 4. Administrative; staff assistance.** Provides for legislative staff to provide administrative and staff assistance to the task force. Requires executive branch staff to assist upon request.

**Subd. 5. Effective date; expiration.** Effective the day after final enactment. Sunsets the task force June 30, 2001.

**Repealer.** Repeals subdivisions doing the following: requiring biennial published Metropolitan Council division financial reports; requiring an inventory of metropolitan public facilities. Repeals Minnesota Rules chapter on Metropolitan Council wastewater services now addressed in Metropolitan Council policies, duplicative.

**Application.** Sections 1 to 4, and 6 apply in the seven county metropolitan area.

**Effective date.** Effective the day following final enactment.