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Overview

This bill allows Goodhue county to make the offices of the county auditor-treasurer and the county recorder appointed positions, subject to a four-fifths vote of the county board and reverse referendum.

Section

- 1 **Auditor-treasurer; recorder may be appointed.** Allows Goodhue county to adopt a resolution making the offices of county auditor-treasurer and county recorder appointed positions.
- 2 **Board controls, may change as long as duties done.** Directs that the duties of the county auditor-treasurer and county recorder be discharged by the county board through department heads appointed by the board if a resolution is adopted making the office appointive.
- 3 **Incumbents to complete term.** Provides for the current auditor-treasurer, who was elected in November 1998, to continue to serve until the completion of the term of office to which the person was elected or until a vacancy occurs. (The county recorder's office is currently vacant.)
- 4 **Publishing resolution; petition, referendum.** Requires 80 percent of the county board to approve the resolution to make the position appointed. Requires published notice and an opportunity for public comment at the next regular meeting of the county board after the notice. Provides for a reverse referendum.
- 5 **Effective date.** After local approval.