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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

H.F. 205 creates a process whereby the owner of a residential property may unite the property at the owner's prerogative in a single school district.

School district borders do not necessarily line up with municipal boundaries. Not only are some cities split among school districts, but some individual property parcels are split among school districts. In some cases, a house may be split so that some bedrooms are in one school district and other bedrooms are in a different school district. In this instance, a portion of the house is taxed in one school district and the remainder is taxed in another school district. An existing statutory process called detachment and annexation allows a property owner to petition the county board to move the entire property from one school district to another. Although these splits can occur with any property type, H.F. 205 only addresses the issue for residential (homestead and non-homestead) property.

### Section

#### **1 Realigning split residential property parcels.**

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines a split residential property parcel as a parcel of real estate that is located within the boundaries of more than one school district.

**Subd. 2. Petition.** Allows the owner of a split residential property parcel to petition the county auditor to unite the parcel in one school district. Contains a listing of what needs to be on the petition. The petition must also be filed with the auditor of each

county where the parcel lies.

**Subd. 3. Auditor's duties.** Requires the auditor to issue an order within 60 days of receipt of the petition to transfer the affected parcel as of the next July 1 into one school district. The auditor must notify the affected school districts.

**Subd. 4. Commissioner.** Requires the commissioner of children, families and learning to modify the records of school district boundaries to conform to the auditors' orders.

**Subd. 5. Taxable property.** Unites the split residential property parcel into a single parcel in one school district. Subjects the united parcel to the all of the taxes of the new school district. None of the property will pay school district taxes of the other school district where the parcel was partially located in.

Makes this law effective July 1, 2003.