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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 2357

03/13/2017 Authored by Hornstein The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing process to rename certain water bodies;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 83A.05, subdivision 1, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 83A.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Applicability. A name of a lake, river, stream, or other body of water
1.8 may be given or changed under sections 83A.05 to 83A.07. Except that as provided in
1.9 subdivision 3, a name which that has existed for 40 years may not be changed under the
1.10 provisions of sections 83A.05 to 83A.07.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 83A.05, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.12 read:

1.13 Subd. 3. Changing name of water body that has existed for 40 years. (a) County
1.14 boards may petition the commissioner of natural resources to change the name of a lake,
1.15 river, stream, or other body of water where the name has existed for 40 years or more when:

1.16 (1) the county board adopts a resolution approving the name change; and

1.17 (2) the county board receives resolutions approving the name change from all other
1.18 applicable local units of government with jurisdiction over the lake, river, stream, or other
1.19 body of water and with jurisdiction over the land surrounding the lake, river, stream, or
1.20 other body of water. After verifying that all applicable local units of government have
1.21 submitted resolutions approving the name change, the commissioner may change the name
1.22 of the lake, river, stream, or other body of water.

2.1        (b) The commissioner may petition county boards to change the name of lakes, rivers,  
2.2        streams, or other bodies of water where the name has existed for 40 years or more and may  
2.3        change the name after receiving resolutions approving the name change from all local units  
2.4        of government with jurisdiction over the lake, river, stream, or other body of water and with  
2.5        jurisdiction over the land surrounding the lake, river, stream, or other body of water.

2.6        (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "local units of government" means counties,  
2.7        cities, organized townships, tribal governments, and special purpose governmental units.