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**H. F. No. 651**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

02/28/2013 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; providing for accounting software development and  
1.3 updating; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[6.475] CITY AND TOWN ACCOUNTING SYSTEM SOFTWARE.**

1.7 (a) The state auditor in consultation with the Minnesota Association of Townships,  
1.8 the League of Minnesota Cities, and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, may charge  
1.9 a onetime user fee to cities, towns, and other government entities for the development,  
1.10 maintenance, and distribution of the small city and town accounting system software.

1.11 (b) A city and town accounting systems (CTAS) account is established in the special  
1.12 revenue fund.

1.13 (c) Amounts received under paragraph (a) shall be credited to the CTAS account in  
1.14 the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the state auditor for all costs associated  
1.15 with the development, maintenance, and distribution of the small city and town accounting  
1.16 system software. If at any time the small city and town accounting system software ceases  
1.17 to be offered by the state auditor, any amount remaining in the CTAS account shall be  
1.18 equitably refunded to users in consultation with the Minnesota Association of Townships,  
1.19 the League of Minnesota Cities, and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, and the  
1.20 account shall be closed.