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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 1820

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to drainage; requiring financing of certain drainage projects; prohibiting  
1.3 transfer of drainage system jurisdiction from water management authority;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 103E.635, subdivision 1; 103E.812,  
1.5 subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 103E.635, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** After the contract for the construction of a drainage project  
1.9 is awarded, the board of an affected county must finance and may issue the bonds of the  
1.10 county in an amount necessary to pay the cost of establishing and constructing the drainage  
1.11 project.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 103E.812, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.13 Subdivision 1. **Transfer after lien payment period expires.** After the period originally  
1.14 fixed or subsequently extended to pay the assessment of the drainage lien expires, all or  
1.15 part of a drainage system may be permanently transferred from the jurisdiction of the  
1.16 drainage authority to a water management authority as provided in this section. Once a  
1.17 transfer to a water management authority has been made, jurisdiction must not be transferred  
1.18 back to the county.