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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4691**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; allowing municipalities to opt out of certain state
1.3 mandates for a limited time.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MUNICIPAL MANDATES; OPT OUT.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7 the meanings given them.

1.8 (b) "Municipality" means a home rule charter or statutory city.

1.9 (c) "Mandate" means any state law or rule that requires a municipality to make
1.10 expenditures that if deferred or abated would provide more financial flexibility to address
1.11 the needs of the municipality due to the financial stresses of the COVID-19 crisis.

1.12 Subd. 2. Procedure to opt out of mandate. A municipality may by a majority vote of
1.13 its governing body, adopt a resolution to opt out of any mandate. The resolution is effective
1.14 for the time stated in the resolution, which may not extend past November 30, 2021.

1.15 Subd. 3. Effective date; expiration. This section is effective June 1, 2020, and expires
1.16 November 30, 2021.