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

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to local government; creating the Ramsey County Economic  
1.3 Development Authority.

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

1.5 Section 1. **RAMSEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Creation.** There is created in Ramsey County a public body corporate  
1.7 and politic, known as the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority, that has the  
1.8 powers contained in Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.090 to 469.108, the powers of  
1.9 a housing and redevelopment authority under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.001 to  
1.10 469.047, or other law, and the powers of a city under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.124  
1.11 to 469.133, or other law. For the purpose of applying Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469, to  
1.12 Ramsey County, the county has all of the powers and duties of a city, the county board has  
1.13 all of the powers and duties of a governing body, the chair of the county board has all of  
1.14 the powers and duties of a mayor, and with respect to the exercise of powers of a housing  
1.15 and redevelopment authority subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 469.008, the area of  
1.16 operation includes the area within the territorial boundaries of the county.

1.17 Subd. 2. **Coordination with other authorities.** The county authority shall notify a  
1.18 municipal authority by January 31 of each year as to the activities the county authority  
1.19 plans to participate in within the municipality. If the municipal authority does not consent  
1.20 to the activities of the county authority, the municipal authority shall notify the county  
1.21 authority within 45 days of the date of the notice from the county authority. If a city  
1.22 authority requests that the county authority exercise any power or perform any function of  
1.23 the municipal authority, the county authority may do so.

2.1            Subd. 3. **Local approval.** Before the Ramsey County Economic Development  
2.2            Authority undertakes a project, the project must be approved by the local governing body  
2.3            with jurisdiction over any part of the area in which the proposed project is located.

2.4            Subd. 4. **Commissioners.** Notwithstanding any section of Minnesota Statutes,  
2.5            chapter 469, the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority shall consist of seven  
2.6            commissioners. The county board shall appoint the commissioners and shall fill vacancies  
2.7            in the office of any commissioner. The term of each commissioner shall be one year, or in  
2.8            the case of a vacancy, the term shall be the remainder of the one-year term for which a  
2.9            vacancy is filled, or until a successor is appointed.

2.10           **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body  
2.11           of Ramsey County and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with  
2.12           Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.