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H. F. No. **1408**

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

03/03/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to elections; requiring soil and water conservation district supervisors
1.3 to be elected by supervisor districts in the seven-county metropolitan area;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 103C.311, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 103C.311, subdivision 2,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Supervisors elected by districts.** (a) A district board in the seven-county
1.9 metropolitan area shall by resolution provide that supervisors will be elected by supervisor
1.10 districts as provided in this subdivision.

1.11 ~~(a)~~ (b) A district board outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, with the
1.12 approval of the state board, may by resolution provide that supervisors will be elected by
1.13 supervisor districts as provided in this subdivision.

1.14 ~~(b)~~ (c) The supervisor districts must be composed of precincts established by
1.15 county and municipal governing bodies under section 204B.14. The districts must be
1.16 compact, include only contiguous territory, and be substantially equal in population.
1.17 The districts must be numbered in a regular series. The districts must be drawn by the
1.18 county board of the county containing the largest area of the soil and water conservation
1.19 district, in consultation with the district board and with the approval of the state board.
1.20 The boundaries of the districts must be redrawn after each decennial federal census as
1.21 provided in section 204B.135. A certified copy of the resolution establishing supervisor
1.22 districts must be filed by the chair of the district board with the county auditor of the
1.23 counties where the soil and water conservation district is located, with the state board, and
1.24 with the secretary of state, and the filings must occur within 80 days of the time when the

2.1 legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election in a
2.2 year ending in two, whichever comes first.

2.3 ~~(e)~~ (d) Each supervisor district is entitled to elect one supervisor. A supervisor must
2.4 be a resident of the district from which elected.

2.5 ~~(d)~~ (e) The district board shall provide staggered terms for supervisors elected by
2.6 district. After each redistricting, there shall be a new election of supervisors in all the
2.7 districts at the next general election, except that if the change made in the boundaries of a
2.8 district is less than five percent of the average population of all the districts, the supervisor
2.9 in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full term for which elected. The
2.10 district board shall determine by lot the seats to be filled for a two-year term, a four-year
2.11 term, and a six-year term.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2015, and applies to
2.13 elections conducted on or after that date.