

A bill for an act

relating to local government; providing for concurrent detachment and annexation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 414.061, subdivisions 1, 2, 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 414.061, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. ~~Both municipalities may initiate~~ **Initiating the proceeding.**

Property of one municipality which abuts another may be concurrently detached and annexed by the procedure set forth in this section. The proceeding shall be initiated by (1) submitting to the chief administrative law judge resolutions of both municipalities describing the land and stating their desire to detach and annex the land, or (2) submitting to the chief administrative law judge the petition of property owners and the resolution of at least one municipality describing the land and stating its desire to have the land concurrently detached and annexed as provided in the property owners' petition.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 414.061, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Order.** If both municipalities have submitted resolutions under subdivision 1 and the resolutions are in order, the chief administrative law judge may order the detachment and annexation.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 414.061, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Property owners may initiate.** Property owners may initiate proceedings for the concurrent detachment of their property from one municipality and its annexation to an adjacent municipality by a petition signed by all of them that they submit to the

2.1 chief administrative law judge accompanied by a resolution of the city council of ~~each~~ at
2.2 least one of the affected municipalities. The chief administrative law judge shall conduct
2.3 hearings and issue an order pursuant to section 414.09. In arriving at a decision, the chief
2.4 administrative law judge shall consider the factors in section 414.02, subdivision 3. The
2.5 chief administrative law judge shall order the proposed action on finding that it will be
2.6 for the best interests of the municipalities and the property owner. In all cases, the chief
2.7 administrative law judge shall set forth the factors which are the basis for the decision.