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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1706

02/27/2025 Authored by Anderson, P. H., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring principal offices of the Department of Agriculture
1.3 be located outside the metropolitan counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.4 section 17.01.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.01, is amended to read:

1.7 17.01 CREATION OF DEPARTMENT; COMMISSIONER; DEPUTY.

1.8 (a) There is created a Department of Agriculture, which shall be in the charge of a
1.9 commissioner of agriculture, in this chapter called the commissioner, who shall be appointed
1.10 by the governor under the provisions of section 15.06. Before entering upon the duties of
1.11 office, the commissioner shall take the oath required of state officials. The commissioner
1.12 may appoint a deputy commissioner.

1.13 (b) By June 1, 2028, the principal offices of the Department of Agriculture must be
1.14 located outside the metropolitan counties as defined by section 473.121, subdivision 4.