

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 3678

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/19/2026	6337	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to eminent domain; removing exemptions from eminent domain procedures

1.3 for certain takings of property by a watershed district or a drainage authority;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 117.012, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 117.012, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Exceptions.** Notwithstanding chapters 103D and 103E, this chapter does not

1.8 apply ~~applies~~ to the taking of property under laws relating to drainage or to town roads ~~when~~

1.9 ~~those laws themselves expressly provide for the taking and specifically prescribe the~~

1.10 ~~procedure.~~ The taking of property for a project undertaken by a watershed district under

1.11 chapter 103D or for a project undertaken by a drainage authority under chapter 103E ~~may~~

1.12 ~~be carried out under the procedure provided by those chapters~~ is legally null and void unless

1.13 the district or authority complied with the procedures under this chapter.

1.14 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to a taking

1.15 of property on or after that date.