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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4643

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to local government; clarifying that a service cooperative may participate

1.3 in local, state, and national civic, educational, and governmental organizations;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 471.96, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 471.96, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Dues, expenses.** The governing bodies of cities, counties, ~~and~~ towns,

1.8 and service cooperatives established under section 123A.21, are hereby authorized to

1.9 appropriate necessary funds to provide membership of their respective municipal corporations

1.10 or political subdivisions respectively in county, regional, state, and national associations of

1.11 a civic, educational, or governmental nature which have as their purpose the betterment and

1.12 improvement of municipal governmental operations. Cities, counties, ~~and~~ towns, and service

1.13 cooperatives are also authorized to participate through duly designated representatives in

1.14 the meetings and activities of such associations, and the governing bodies of cities, counties,

1.15 ~~and~~ towns, and service cooperatives respectively are authorized to appropriate necessary

1.16 funds to defray the actual and necessary expenses of such representatives in connection

1.17 therewith. For purposes of this section, the governing body of a town is the town board.