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## SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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03/21/2011	604	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Local Government and Elections
05/02/2011	1601a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	1604	Second reading
05/23/2011	3600	Rule 47, returned to Local Government and Elections
02/15/2012	3807a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	3812	Second reading
	3824	Author added Limmer

	A bill for an act
	relating to local government; discontinuing Hennepin Conservation District
	and transferring duties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.
BI	E IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
	Section 1. [383B.76] DISCONTINUANCE OF HENNEPIN CONSERVATION
DI	STRICT; TRANSFER OF DUTIES.
	(a) Notwithstanding section 103C.225, the Hennepin Conservation District is
lis	scontinued and the duties and authorities of the district under chapter 103C and other
sta	tutory responsibilities are transferred to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
op	erating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services or other
org	ganizational unit as assigned by the county board.
	(b) Upon the discontinuance of the Hennepin Conservation District, the Hennepin
Co	ounty Board of Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of
En	vironmental Services or other organizational unit as assigned by the county board
et	ains the eligibility of the Hennepin Conservation District for state grant funds.
	(c) Upon the effective date of the discontinuance of the Hennepin Conservation
Di	strict, all contracts entered into, to which the district or district board was a party, remain
n	force and effect for the period provided in the contracts. The Hennepin County Board
of	Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental
Se	rvices or its successors shall be substituted for the district or district board as party to
the	e contracts and succeed to the district's rights and duties. Any assets of the district on the
da	te of the discontinuance of the district are transferred to the Hennepin County Board of
Сс	mmissioners for the purpose of implementing the transferred duties and responsibilities.

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2.1	(d) If the Board of Water and Soil Resources finds that the Hennepin County Board
2.2	of Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental
2.3	Services or its successors is not sufficiently carrying out the duties and responsibilities of
2.4	a soil and water conservation district under chapter 103C, the Board of Water and Soil
2.5	Resources may, in order:
2.6	(1) reduce, withhold, or redirect grants and other funding if deficiencies have not
2.7	been corrected as prescribed in a notice from the Board of Water and Soil Resources
2.8	within one year from the date of the notice; and
2.9	(2) seek to reestablish the Hennepin Conservation District by legislative action.
2.10	Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.
2.11	Section 1 is effective the day after the governing body of Hennepin County and its

- 2.12 <u>chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section</u>
- 2.13 <u>645.021</u>, subdivisions 2 and 3.