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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2257

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to courts; amending the formula for distribution of fine proceeds; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 484.85.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 484.85, is amended to read:

1.6 484.85 DISPOSITION OF FINES, FEES, AND OTHER MONEY; ACCOUNTS;
1.7 RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

1.8 (a) In all cases prosecuted in Ramsey County District Court by an attorney for a
1.9 municipality or subdivision of government within Ramsey County for violation of a statute;
1.10 an ordinance; or a charter provision, rule, or regulation of a city; all fines, penalties, and
1.11 forfeitures collected by the court administrator shall be deposited in the state treasury and
1.12 distributed according to this paragraph. Except where a different disposition is provided by
1.13 section 299D.03, subdivision 5, or other law, on or before the last day of each month, the
1.14 court shall pay over all fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the court administrator
1.15 during the previous month as follows:

1.16 (1) for offenses committed within the city of St. Paul, two-thirds paid to the treasurer
1.17 of the city of St. Paul municipality or subdivision of government within Ramsey County
1.18 and one-third credited to the state general fund; and

1.19 (2) for offenses committed within any other municipality or subdivision of government
1.20 within Ramsey County, one-half paid to the treasurer of the municipality or subdivision of
1.21 government and one-half credited to the state general fund.

2.1 All other fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected by the district court shall be distributed
2.2 by the courts as provided by law.

2.3 (b) Fines, penalties, and forfeitures shall be distributed as provided in paragraph (a)
2.4 when:

2.5 (1) a city contracts with the county attorney for prosecutorial services under section
2.6 484.87, subdivision 3; or

2.7 (2) the attorney general provides assistance to the city attorney under section 484.87,
2.8 subdivision 5.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.