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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1731

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Metropolitan Council; authorizing local governmental units to opt
1.3 out of the Metropolitan Council regulatory jurisdiction; proposing coding for new
1.4 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

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

1.6 Section 1. 473.1453 OPT-OUT BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT
1.7 AUTHORIZED.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Opt-out authorized. A local governmental unit may opt out of the
1.9 regulatory jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Council upon the filing of a resolution by the
1.10 governing body of the local governmental unit with the Metropolitan Council. The resolution
1.11 must resolve to independently exercise authority over development and public infrastructure
1.12 within the boundaries of the local governmental unit. The Metropolitan Council's regulatory
1.13 jurisdiction over the local governmental unit ceases on January 1 following the date of the
1.14 filing of the resolution with the council, and the local governmental unit is exempt from
1.15 metropolitan system plans and requirements for local governmental units on and after that
1.16 date.

1.17 Subd. 2. Metropolitan Council tax levies prohibited. (a) Except as provided in
1.18 paragraph (b), no tax authorized to be levied by the Metropolitan Council under this chapter
1.19 may be levied on property within the boundaries of a local governmental unit that has opted
1.20 out of the regulatory jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Council in accordance with this section.

1.21 (b) The Metropolitan Council may levy a tax on property within the boundaries of a
1.22 local governmental unit that is designated within the metropolitan transit taxing district
1.23 under section 473.446, subdivision 2, regardless of whether a local governmental unit in

2.1 the district has opted out of the council's regulatory jurisdiction, if the council continues to
2.2 offer transit services within the boundaries of the local governmental unit.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Eligibility; agreements.** A local governmental unit that has opted out of the
2.4 regulatory jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Council may:

2.5 (1) apply for grant programs administered by the Metropolitan Council for which it is
2.6 eligible; and

2.7 (2) enter into a joint powers agreement with the Metropolitan Council, in accordance
2.8 with section 471.59.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Metropolitan Council property; services.** The Metropolitan Council may
2.10 continue to operate council-owned property and offer transportation services within the
2.11 boundaries of a local governmental unit that has opted out of the regulatory jurisdiction of
2.12 the council in accordance with this section.

2.13 Subd. 5. **Opt-in authorized.** A local governmental unit that opted out of the regulatory
2.14 jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Council may opt in to the council's regulatory jurisdiction
2.15 no earlier than four years from the date of the filing of the opt-out resolution in subdivision
2.16 1. The local governmental unit may opt in by filing a resolution by the governing body of
2.17 the local governmental unit with the Metropolitan Council. The resolution must state that
2.18 the local governmental unit determines that being under the regulatory jurisdiction of the
2.19 Metropolitan Council is in the best interest of the local governmental unit. The resolution
2.20 allowing the local governmental unit to opt in to the council's regulatory jurisdiction is
2.21 effective January 1 following the date of the filing of the resolution, and the local
2.22 governmental unit is subject to metropolitan system plans and requirements for local
2.23 governmental units on and after that date.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.25 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.26 Scott, and Washington.