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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 1733

03/01/2021 Authored by Hansen, R., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local governments; allowing counties to collect soil and water
1.3 conservation district fee on deed transfers and mortgage registration; establishing
1.4 grant eligibility for counties from clean water fund; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2020, section 114D.50, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in
1.6 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103C.

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

1.8 Section 1. [103C.237] SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FEE.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Fee. A county that contains at least one soil and water conservation
1.10 district may impose an additional fee of \$25 per transaction on the recording or registration
1.11 of a mortgage subject to the tax under section 287.05 and an additional fee of \$25 on the
1.12 recording or registration of a deed subject to the tax under section 287.21.

1.13 Subd. 2. Fee deposited; account. The fee described in subdivision 1 must be deposited
1.14 in a special soil and water conservation district account in the county general revenue fund.

1.15 Subd. 3. Distribution to soil and water conservation districts. The county treasurer
1.16 must transfer money from the special soil and water conservation district account to existing
1.17 soil and water conservation districts within the county in May, October, and December each
1.18 year. If a county contains more than one soil and water conservation district, money must
1.19 be allocated equally among each district.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2021.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 114D.50, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 8. **County eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant funded with money from the clean
2.4 water fund, a county must:

2.5 (1) impose a soil and water conservation district fee under section 103C.237; or

2.6 (2) have at least 75 percent of the county covered by a watershed district established
2.7 under chapter 103D; a watershed management organization as defined under section
2.8 103B.205, subdivision 13; or another joint powers entity organized for the purposes of water
2.9 management with levy authority.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, and applies to grants awarded
2.11 on or after that date.