

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1028 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[103C.227] DISCONTINUANCE OF DISTRICT BY COUNTY**
1.4 **BOARD IN METROPOLITAN AREA.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section applies in the metropolitan area, as defined
1.6 in section 473.121.

1.7 Subd. 2. **Petition.** In addition to the options in section 103C.225, in the metropolitan
1.8 area, the county board of commissioners may petition the state board to discontinue the
1.9 soil and water conservation district and transfer the duties and authorities of the district to
1.10 the county board of commissioners. The state board has 60 days from the receipt of the
1.11 petition to conduct its review. The state board shall make its determination regarding the
1.12 petition no later than its first regular meeting following the 60-day review period.

1.13 Subd. 3. **Discontinuance.** The state board shall review the petition submitted under
1.14 subdivision 2 to determine whether progress toward the goals identified in section 103C.005
1.15 can be achieved by discontinuing the soil and water conservation district and transferring
1.16 the duties and authorities of the district to the county board. If the state board determines
1.17 that progress toward the goals identified in section 103C.005 can be achieved by the
1.18 discontinuance of the district and the transfer of district duties and authorities to the county
1.19 board, the state board shall order the discontinuance of the soil and water conservation
1.20 district. The order shall become effective within 60 days from the date of the order. The
1.21 state board may discontinue the soil and water conservation district without a referendum.

1.22 Subd. 4. **Transfer of duties and authorities.** Upon discontinuance of the soil and
1.23 water conservation district by the state board, the county board has the duties and authorities
1.24 of a soil and water conservation district. The county board may assign these duties and
1.25 responsibilities to one or more appropriate county departments as deemed appropriate by
1.26 the county board. All contracts in effect on the date of the discontinuance of the district, to
1.27 which the soil and water conservation district is a party, remain in force and effect for the

2.1 period provided in the contracts. The county shall be substituted for the soil and water
2.2 conservation district as party to the contracts and succeed to the district's rights and duties.

2.3 Subd. 5. **Transfer of assets.** The conservation district board of supervisors shall
2.4 transfer the assets of the district to the county board of commissioners no later than 60
2.5 days from the date of the order. The county board shall use the transferred assets for
2.6 purposes of implementing the transferred duties and authorities.

2.7 Subd. 6. **Grants.** Upon discontinuance of the soil and water conservation district
2.8 by the state board, the county has the eligibility of a soil and water conservation district
2.9 for state grant funds.

2.10 Subd. 7. **Reestablishment.** The county board of commissioners may petition the
2.11 state board to reestablish the soil and water conservation district. Alternatively, the
2.12 state board under its authority in section 103B.201, and after giving notice of corrective
2.13 actions and time to implement the corrective actions, may reestablish the soil and water
2.14 conservation district if it determines the goals identified in section 103C.005 are not being
2.15 achieved. The state board may reestablish the soil and water conservation district under
2.16 this subdivision without a referendum."

2.17 Amend the title accordingly