

**2021 State Government Finance Omnibus  
Comparison of House and Senate: Local Government Policy Article**

		<b>House – HF 1952, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Engrossment</b>		<b>SAME OR SIMILAR</b>	<b>Senate – HF 1952, the 1<sup>st</sup> Unofficial Engrossment (from SF 1831)</b>	
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		<b>Article 6</b>			<b>[No comparable Article]</b>	
	<b>Open meeting law technological updates</b>	1-6	Updates various provisions of the Open Meeting Law (chapter 13D) to reflect modern technology used for remote meetings of public bodies.			Updated language in HF 820, amended and adopted by the Senate and adopted by the House on 4/29 and on way to Governor.
	<b>Dedication fee; first class cities</b>	7, 21-22	Authorizes cities of the first class to enact an ordinance requiring a portion of land to be dedicated to the public for parks, playgrounds, recreation, wetlands, trails, or open space, or to impose a dedication fee for such purposes on new construction. Impacts the cities of Rochester and Duluth.			
	<b>Nonprofit corporation creation authority</b>	8	Authorizes the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth to create a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A.			
	<b>Inflow and infiltration prevention programs</b>	9-10	Authorizes towns or any political subdivision of the state with statutory sewer ownership or operational responsibilities to establish inflow and infiltration prevention programs.			
	<b>County competitive bidding</b>	11	Authorizes county contracts up to \$750,000 to be made by sealed bids or direct negotiation with county certified small business enterprises or state certified small businesses that are majority-owned and operated by a veteran or a service-disabled veteran.			
	<b>Municipal hotel licensing</b>	12	Permits a city or town to adopt an ordinance requiring hotels in the municipality to have a municipal hotel			

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			license which requires compliance with state and local laws.			
	<b>Repeal of political subdivision compensation limit</b>	13, 23	Repeals the compensation limit for political subdivision employees			
	<b>Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) updates</b>	14-20	Updates various special law provisions that authorized the DECC. Changes include amendment language to be gender neutral, updating roles and titles, and increasing the threshold for required competitive bidding or required DECC authorizations of contracts to more than \$50,000.			Nearly identical language (one technical difference) in HF1947, 1 <sup>st</sup> Engrossment, passed by the House on 4/29/21, and in companion SF2029, 1 <sup>st</sup> Engrossment, which has received second reading.