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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 68

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

A bill for an act

relating to local government; requiring retention elections for persons appointed to certain county offices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 375A.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 375A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Retention election on appointee.** (a) For any office made an appointed office under this section, the county must at the first general election following the effective date of this section hold an election on whether to retain the person appointed. If the voters do not approve retention of the person appointed to the position, the appointee may stay in the position only until January 1 immediately following the election, at which time the county board of commissioners must appoint another person to the position. If the voters approve retention of the person appointed to the position, the county may retain the person and shall hold a retention election at a general election every four years while the office is appointed.

(b) The ballot question shall be:

"May the county board retain [name] as the person appointed and responsible for the functions of [county office title]?

Yes .....

No ....."

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.