House Research Act Summary

CHAPTER: 419

SESSION: 2000 Regular Session

TOPIC: Payment to State by Electronic Means

Date: April 25, 2000 **Analyst:** Mark Shepard, 651-296-5051

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Authorizes state agencies to accept credit cards or other methods of electronic funds transfer for payment in government services transactions. Requires agencies to process credit card and other electronic financial transactions through contracts negotiated by the commissioner of finance, unless the commissioner of finance approves a different method. Provides that a fee imposed by agencies for electronic transactions must be equal to the fee charged by the processing contractor, and that the agency must give prior notice to a person before imposing the fee. Forbids the Department of Revenue from imposing a fee for a payment of tax that is required to be made electronically.