

Chapter 6

2025 Regular Session

Subject North Koochiching sanitary sewer board; Crane Lake water and sanitary district

Bill HF1058/SF563; HF438/SF773

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Overview

This act combined the provisions of HF1058/SF563 (North Koochiching sanitary sewer board) and HF438/SF773 (Crane Lake water and sanitary district), which made modifications to the governing structures of two Northern Minnesota sanitary sewer entities.

North Koochiching sanitary sewer board background

The city of South International Falls consolidated with the city of International Falls in 1989. The Papermakers sewer district also never came into existence. Accordingly, mention of these political subdivisions and their corresponding North Koochiching sanitary sewer board members is stricken in this act.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Municipality. Strikes the city of South International Falls, which no longer exists, from the definition of municipality.
2	District. Strikes the city of South International Falls and the Papermakers sewer district, both of which no longer exist, from the description of the North Koochiching area sanitary district.
3	Members and selections. Strikes the city of South International Falls and the Papermakers sewer district from the North Koochiching area sanitary district board members. Changes the number of board members for both the city of International Falls and East Koochiching county sewer district. Creates one new at-large member position, which is appointed by the board, and the member's term is designated by the board.

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4	Certificate of selection; oath of office. Strikes the Papermakers sewer district from a provision requiring preparation of a certificate of selection by city clerks or a county auditor.
5	Board plan and program. Strikes the city of South International Falls from a comprehensive plan provision for the North Koochiching sanitary sewer board.
6	Affected local governmental units. Strikes the city of South International Falls from the list of affected local governmental units relating to the North Koochiching sanitary sewer board.
7	Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District; board of managers. This section authorizes the number of members of the Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District to be reduced from five to three members, upon approval by the governing body. Under current law, a sanitary district created under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 442A, has five members. To transition to a board of three managers, vacancies on the board would not be filled until the number of managers has been appropriately reduced. Once the board of managers has three members, staggered terms would be established for the members. Effective the day after the governing body of the Crane Lake Water and Sanitary District complies with the requirements for special laws.
8	Repealer. Repeals a provision in the 1981 special law establishing the North Koochiching sanitary sewer district that defined the Papermakers sewer district.
9	Effective date; local approval. Provides that the act is effective the day after the governing body of the North Koochiching sanitary sewer board and its chief clerical officer comply with the requirements for special laws.



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