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Overview

The Cook county hospital district was authorized by special law in 1989. In 2002, the legislature updated that law. This bill states that the hospital district is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state. It also provides for inflation adjustments to the district's levy authority beginning in 2003, payable in 2004.

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1 **Operation of district.** Provides that the Cook county hospital district is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state. This gives the Cook county hospital district the same status as hospital districts created under the general law. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 447.31, hospital districts can be established by two or more cities and towns. Under section 447.31, subdivision 6, a hospital district is a municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the state.

Effective after local approval.

2 **Tax levy.** Specifies that the levy must not exceed \$300,000 in 2002 (for taxes payable in 2003). It has been limited to \$300,000 since 1989. Provides for inflation adjustment of the maximum levy for the hospital district in 2003 and after.

For taxes levied in 2003 (payable 2004) and thereafter, the levy is the lesser of the previous year's levy limitation multiplied by: (a) 103 percent, or (b) the ratio of the most recent annual medical care expenditure category of the revised Consumer Price Index, U.S. citywide

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