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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Creates the crime of mail theft and establishes penalties. Authorizes prosecutors to file charges for identity theft and mail theft in the jurisdiction where the victim resides. Permits aggregation of the value of ill-begotten money and property in cases of identity theft.

#### Section

- 1** **Venue.** Authorizes prosecutors to file charges for identity theft in either the county where the offense occurred or the county of residence or place of business of the victim. The purpose of this provision is to give prosecutors more flexibility in prosecuting identity theft.
- 2** **Aggregation.** Permits prosecutors to aggregate the value of money and property illicitly obtained through identity theft to increase the level of the offense. Permits prosecutors to file charges in any county in which one of the offenses occurred.
- 3** **Mail theft.** Creates the crime of mail theft and codes it as section 609.529.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines "mail" and "mail depository."

**Subd. 2. Crime.** Details the acts that constitute to mail theft.

**Subd. 3. Penalties.** Imposes a three-year felony or a fine of up to \$3,000, or both, for mail theft.

**Subd. 4. Venue.** Authorizes prosecutors to file charges for mail theft in either the county where the offense occurred or the county of residence or place of business of the victim. The purpose of this provision is to give prosecutors more flexibility in prosecuting mail theft.

