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House File No. 554 deals with the compensation of the examiner of titles, a position appointed in each county by the judges of the district court to serve as legal adviser to the county registrar and to examine titles that are presented for recording, registration, or some other action which requires the approval of the examiner. Under current law:

- (1) in counties with 75,000 or more, except in Stearns, Dakota, and Olmsted counties, the examiner of titles is compensated in an amount determined by the court and paid in the same manner as other county employees or
- (2) in counties with less than 75,000, and in Stearns, Dakota, and Olmsted counties, the examiner of titles is compensated in an amount determined by the court and paid in the same manner as other county employees for services as legal adviser to the registrar, but paid on a fee-for-service basis by the person who is presenting the title for action by the examiner.

With this legislation, all counties would have the option to compensate the examiner of titles in either manner as determined by the judges of the district court and the population of the county would not affect the manner in which the examiner could be compensated.