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Overview

Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.109 to 469.123, authorizes the governing body of a municipality (statutory or home rule charter city, town, county, school district) to establish an area redevelopment agency (ARA) by resolution. ARAs may be formed only in what are essentially rural areas and on the Iron Range.

ARAs have no authority in law to dissolve. In 1950, a Housing and Redevelopment Authority was in a similar situation and the Attorney General issued an opinion stating it could not dissolve without express authority. The HRA statute was amended in 1953 to provide for dissolution of an HRA.

This bill, as amended, dissolves the Hibbing ARA and also amends the general law to permit other ARAs to be dissolved without special legislation.

Section

- 1 Dissolution and discontinuance of Hibbing Area Redevelopment Agency.** Dissolves the Hibbing ARA and transfers its assets and liabilities to the Hibbing Economic Development Authority, effective upon local approval by the city of Hibbing.
- 2 Dissolution, transfer of assets and liabilities.** Adds authority and a procedure to the statutes governing ARAs to provide for dissolution of an ARA.