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Repeals a 2006 law (see below) that prohibits a city from selling, leasing or contracting away city owned property that is on the National Register of Historic Places unless the city follows certain procedures that take at least two years. Based on the criteria defining the cities the law applies to, it applies to Little Falls.

15.995 HISTORIC PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDINGS.

A city located within 150 miles of the Minnesota State Capitol that has a population, according to the 2000 census, of more than 7,000 and less than 8,000 and is located in a county that has a population according to that census of more than 31,000 and less than 32,000 must not sell, lease, or contract property it owns that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, unless the political subdivision first: (1) notifies the Minnesota Historical Society and waits at least two years, during which the political subdivision must request of and receive from the Historical Society a study of the best use of the property in order to ascertain and preserve the historical value of the property and ensure public use; and (2) requests of and receives from the Department of Administration an inventory and appraisal of the affected real and personal property to determine its value. The Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society must jointly report their findings to the chairs and ranking minority members of legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government finance. The requesting political subdivision must pay the Minnesota Historical Society and the Department of Administration for services provided under this section.

History: 2006 c 236 art 1 s 1; 2006 c 248 s 1