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In 2007, managers of a watershed district, members of a watershed management organization, and supervisors of soil and water conservation districts were added to the definition of "public official" in the campaign finance and public disclosure statute, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A. This means they must file statements of economic interest, are subject to the chapter's conflict of interest and gift ban provisions, and otherwise comply with the chapter's provisions governing "public officials."

This bill removes them from the definition and therefore the application of the law governing "public officials."