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Overview

Article 1 gives counties authority to act to adopt ordinances, resolutions, and regulations relating to their property, affairs, and operations and to provide for the general health, safety, and welfare of counties. A county cannot act in conflict or inconsistent with the laws of the state or United States, or the powers and duties of other political subdivisions within the county.

Article 2 is the Minnesota Accountable Government Innovation and Collaboration (MAGIC) Act. It establishes a pilot program in which counties may apply to develop and test alternative models for service delivery that focus on performance measures and outcomes rather than processes for delivering the services.

Article 1: Counties Authorized to Act on Matters of County Concern

1 General welfare. Permits a county to adopt ordinances, resolutions, and regulations relating to its property, affairs, and operations and to provide for the general health, safety, and welfare of the county. A county cannot act in conflict or inconsistent with the laws of the state or United States, or the powers and duties of other political subdivisions within the county.

Article 2: MAGIC Act

1 Minnesota Accountable Government Innovation and Collaboration (MAGIC) Act. Citation.

2 **Definitions.** Defines "county" (includes joint powers boards of which a county is a member and service delivery authorities), "pilot project" and "pilot project coordinator" (to be an existing employee on the governor's staff or in a state agency, appointed by the governor).

3 Pilot project selection process.

Subd. 1. Scope. Limits the number of pilot projects in operation at any time to ten per state agency and two per county and requires each to be substantively different from any other pilot

project.

Subd. 2. Coordinator's duties. General description of duties.

Subd. 3. County initiation; notice. Provides that a county applies to the pilot project coordinator. The coordinator works with the commissioner of the appropriate state agency. Requires the application to include the county board resolution, adopted at a regular board meeting after notice. Requires the county to notify the collective bargaining units in the county and any person or organization that represents potentially affected service recipients for advice and comments. Requires the county to permit interested parties to provide comments before the county takes action.

Subd. 4. County business plan. Lists the topics to be covered in the plan submitted to the coordinator, including what services are to be provided, what waivers or exemptions are needed, what the performance measures and outcome goals are, and how the county plans to deliver the services.

Subd. 5. Review and approval of performance measures, outcome goals. The coordinator and commissioner of the affected state agency have 60 days to review the application, consult appropriate stakeholders, and may require changes to the performance measures and outcome goals. Requires approval of the performance measures and outcome goals before the county can proceed with the pilot project.

Subd. 6. Review and comment on alternative delivery. Provides for the coordinator and affected state agency to review and comment on the plan for service delivery. Requires the county to explain in writing if it decides not to make changes recommended by the coordinator and state agency.

Subd. 7. No prejudice or violation of rights. Requires the coordinator, state agency and county to determine that the proposed waiver or suspension of a law, rule or procedure will not prejudice a substantial legal right of any person or violate due process or any other state or federal law, or jeopardize federal funding.

Subd. 8. Modifications. Permits modifications during the project's life.

- 4 **County employees.** States that nothing in the MAGIC act shall be construed as diminishing any rights of employees.
- 5 **Cancellation of pilot project.** Provides for either the county or the coordinator, in consultation with the state agency, to cancel the pilot project.
- **6 Evaluation and report.** Requires participating counties to report to the coordinator and state agency by each December 15 and the coordinator to compile the reports and submit them to the governor and legislature by January 15.
- 7 **Effective** the day after enactment.