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Under general law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 375A, a county may make the offices of recorder, auditor, and treasurer or auditor-treasurer appointive if approved by a referendum. This law allows Kandiyohi, Lyon and Swift counties to make any of these offices an appointed position, subject to an 80 percent vote of the county board and reverse referendum. It also provides for the current officeholder to complete the term to which the officer was elected before the office is made appointive. Finally, it includes procedures for reverting to election for this office. Effective as to each county upon that county's local approval.

As of 2011, 25 counties have gotten special legislation to make certain offices appointed positions, and since 2001, the conditions in the special laws have been substantially the same.