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Overview

This bill addresses various local government mandates.

- 1 Examination of counties; cost, fees.** Permits counties to use CPA firms for audits and prohibits the state auditor from charging a county for services if a CPA firm audits the county.
- 2 Taxable as costs (law library fee).** Permits a county to use surplus law library funds for court facilities' costs.
- 3 Publication of notice and list.** Technical.
- 4 Alcohol enforcement account; appropriation.** Strikes reference to section repealed in this bill.
- 5 Designation (state building code).** Permits, instead of requires, a municipality to designate a building official to administer the state building code.
- 6 Application.** Technical.
- 7 Seizure; impoundment; presumption.** Eliminates a requirement that when a county elects to license dogs, a sheriff, sheriff's deputy, or police officer must seize, impound, or restrain any unlicensed dogs running at large.
- 8 Applicability.** Eliminates a 2008 requirement that animal control and law enforcement agencies must enforce the state's dangerous dog laws whether the local government has adopted a corresponding ordinance or not.
- 9 Fixed by county board.** Strikes the requirement that a county publish (separately from its meeting minutes) the resolution setting county board member salaries and per diem payments. Minn. Stat. § 375.12, subd. 1, requires a county board to publish its official proceedings, which includes the same information.
- 10 Repealer.** Repeals sections:
 - 279.07, 279.08 - bid process for county publication of delinquent real estate taxes lists

- 340A.403, subd. 4 - municipal report to the commissioner of public safety with liquor license information
- 346.13 - requires a town poundmaster to impound seized animals that were at large and damaging property and to sell the animals at a posted public auction unless the animals are properly claimed, seized, or discharged within six days
- 346.14 - requires towns without a pound to find another enclosure to hold seized animals that were at large and damaging property. The county sheriff must sell any unclaimed animal if the animal is not properly claimed, seized, or discharged after six days
- 346.15 - requires a person who purchases an unclaimed, seized animal to keep the animal for at least two months, in order to give the true owner the opportunity to claim the animal in exchange for proper payment including interest
- 375.17, subd. 3 - county publication of financial statements in a second newspaper
- 382.265 - county officer in need of additional clerks to petition the county board
- Chapter 395 - the county seed and feed loan program
- 471.6161, subd. 5 - prohibiting reducing the aggregate value of benefits provided by a group insurance contract for employees covered by a collective agreement unless the public employer and exclusive representative of the employees of an appropriate bargaining unit, certified under section 179A.12, agree to a reduction in benefits