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## Bill Summary

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## **Overview**

The Cedar Lake Area Water and Sanitary Sewer District was authorized by special law in 1999 with a maximum number of sewer connections. The Silver Maple Bay Estates area of Helena Township in Scott County wants to dissolve a subordinate service district (SSD) and use the surplus from the sale of property to pay to connect to the Cedar Lake district, but general law does not allow that. This bill would authorize an increase in the number of sewer connections and authorize the township to use surplus to pay to connect to the district's system.

## **Section**

- Board plan and program. Increases the maximum number of connections the Cedar Lake area water and sanitary sewer district's comprehensive plan may provide, from 325 connections to 364 connections. Effective upon local approval.
- Helena Township, Scott County; removal of subordinate service district. Applies to the SSD established in Helena Township for the Silver Maple Bay Estates. Permits the town board of supervisors to sell or use surplus property or the surplus of tax revenues or service charges collected from the SSD to connect property owners in the former SSD to another public sewer system. Any surplus not used to connect residents may be distributed equally to property owners in the former SSD that were charged the extra tax or service fee during the most recent tax year. Any surplus not refunded must be transferred to the town's general fund. For more information on subordinate service districts, see http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/ss/sssubser.pdf