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## Bill Summary

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H.F. 457 requires special taxing districts (such as housing and redevelopment authorities, watershed districts, hospital districts, etc.) to certify their proposed levies (the levies used for truth-in-taxation) by September 30 of each year. Under current law, they are required to certify proposed levies by September 15. The bill specifically excludes the Metropolitan Council and the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District from the September 30 certification date, by referring to statutes that specifically prescribe earlier certification dates for them.

*[Background: School districts have been allowed to certify at the later (September 30) date for many years, while all other types of taxing jurisdictions had been required to certify by Sept. 15. In 2014, the law was changed to allow counties and cities to certify at the later date, leaving towns and special taxing districts at September 15. This bill would leave only towns at the Sept. 15 date. Town levies are generally set at town meetings held in March, so the Sept. 15 date is not an issue for them.]*