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Under general law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 375A, a county may make the offices of auditor, treasurer, auditor-treasurer, and recorder appointed positions if approved by a referendum.

This bill allows Crow Wing County to make the offices of auditor-treasurer and recorder appointed positions, subject to an 80 percent vote of the county board and reverse referendum. It also provides for the current officeholders to complete the terms to which they were elected before the offices are made appointed positions. Finally, it includes procedures for reverting to election for the offices. Effective upon local approval.

Over the years, 28 counties have been authorized to make these changes by special law, under substantially the same conditions. For more information, see "*County Offices: Combining or Making Appointed*" (updated August 2014) <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/cntyoff.pdf>