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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 later certification date, requiring them to continue to certify by September 15.

[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 alone at September 15. This bill would leave only towns and the two big metropolitan area-wide special taxing districts at the Sept. 15 date.]