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This bill deals with the compensation of the examiner of titles, a position appointed in each county by the judges of the district court to serve as legal adviser to the county registrar and to examine titles that are presented for recording, registration, or some other action which requires the approval of the examiner. Under current law:

- (1) in counties with a population of 75,000 or more, except in Stearns, Dakota, Scott, Wright, and Olmsted counties, the examiner of titles is compensated in an amount determined by the court and paid in the same manner as other county employees; and
- (2) in counties with less than 75,000, and in Stearns, Dakota, Scott, Wright, and Olmsted counties, the examiner of titles is compensated in an amount determined by the court and paid in the same manner as other county employees but paid on a fee-for-service basis by the person who is presenting the title for action by the examiner.

This bill adds Sherburne County to the list of counties that have grown to more than 75,000 inhabitants but that continue to pay title examiners from fees. Sherburne County exceeded 75,000 for the first time with the 2010 federal decennial census.

Stearns and Dakota were added to the exceptions in 1961, Olmsted was added in 1994, and Scott and Wright were added in 2003.