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Overview

This bill requires specific legislative authorization for political subdivisions to spend any funds on a light rail transit project. The requirement includes study, project development work, and construction, and it covers new lines as well as line extensions. It would go into effect the day after enactment.

Section

- 1 [398A.095] Legislative approval of light rail projects. Prevents a regional railroad authority from spending any funds for study, project development, or construction of a light rail transit project, unless the project is specifically authorized by the legislature.
- 2 [471.987] Legislative approval of light rail projects. Prevents a county or city in the Twin Cities metropolitan area from spending any funds for study, project development, or construction of a light rail transit project, unless the project is specifically authorized by the legislature.
- 3 [473.3985] Legislative approval of light rail projects. Prevents the Metropolitan Council from spending any funds for study, project development, or construction of a light rail transit project, unless the project is specifically authorized by the legislature.
- 4 **Effective date.** Makes the bill effective the day after enactment.