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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 would allow Pine County to make the office of auditor-treasurer an appointed position if approved by an 80 percent vote of the county board, subject to reverse referendum. It provides for the current office holder to complete the term to which the auditor-treasurer was elected before the office is made an appointed position. The county board resolution cannot be adopted until after notice and an opportunity for the public to comment at a regular board meeting. The resolution does not take effect until 60 days after it is adopted (or a later date set in the resolution), to provide time for filing a petition for a referendum. The law also provides a process to revert back to an elected position.

Effective upon timely filing of the local approval with the secretary of state.

In 2002, the legislature enacted a special law for Pine County to appoint the recorder, subject to reverse referendum. Laws 2002, ch. 263, § 5.