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This bill applies the following special rules to the Mississippi Crossings TIF district in the City of Champlin:

- The five-year rule is extended to 10 years and after that period, increments need not be used (potentially) to decertify the district early.

Background on the five-year rule. The five-year rule requires 80 percent (75 percent for redevelopment districts) of tax increment revenues derived from a TIF district after the fifth year to be spent to decertify the district. After the fifth year, money may only be spent to (1) pay bonds or contracts that financed improvements, if bonds were issued before the end of the five-year period or (2) reimburse the developer for costs it paid to make improvements in the district during the first five years. When sufficient money has been set aside, the district is decertified. This is intended to ensure that after a reasonable period of time, tax increments are used only to pay off bonds or development contracts and to put the property back on the tax rolls, rather than undertaking new expenditures or projects.