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This bill would discontinue the Ramsey Soil and Water Conservation District effective July 1, 2018, and transfer all its duties and authorities to the Ramsey County Board. It would allow the Ramsey County Board to petition the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to reestablish the district or allow BWSR to reestablish the district under certain conditions. Allows BWSR to reestablish the district without a referendum.

Under current law, a soil and water conservation district may be discontinued by following a process, including a referendum and determination by BWSR that continued operation of the district is not administratively feasible. BWSR may only make this determination if at least a majority of the voters oppose continuing the district and a plan to continue the duties and authorities of the district is completed.