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Summary

This bill changes the method for determining and amounts that a city must pay for its charter commission expenses. There are 107 home rule charter cities; expenses may be for developing a proposed charter or amending it.

Under current law, the maximum amount in a year for a first class city (Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, and Rochester) is \$10,000, and for all other cities \$1,500.

The bill would allow a city to pay the greater of 0.0007 of the city's current certified general property tax levy or \$1,500 but no more than \$20,000 in a year. Looking at Pay 2019 certified levies, there would be:

- 684 cities with a cap of \$1,500 (total levy is less than \$2,142,858);
- 152 cities with a cap of \$1,500 to \$20,000 (total levy is \$2,142,858 to \$28,571,428); and
- 17 cities with a cap of \$20,000 (total levy is greater than \$28,571,428).

The expenses that may be included would also cover costs of informing the public of the charter provisions or suggested amendments.