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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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		Referred to Environment and Energy
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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to elections; soil and water conservation districts; modifying timeline
 1.3 in which a copy of the resolution establishing supervision districts is filed;
 1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 103C.311, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 103C.311, subdivision 2, is amended to
 1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Supervisors elected by districts.** (a) The district board, with the approval
 1.9 of the state board, may by resolution provide that supervisors will be elected by supervisor
 1.10 districts as provided in this subdivision.

1.11 (b) The supervisor districts must be composed of precincts established by county and
 1.12 municipal governing bodies under section 204B.14. The districts must be compact, include
 1.13 only contiguous territory, and be substantially equal in population. The districts must be
 1.14 numbered in a regular series. The districts must be drawn by the county board of the county
 1.15 containing the largest area of the soil and water conservation district, in consultation with
 1.16 the district board and with the approval of the state board. The boundaries of the districts
 1.17 must be redrawn after each decennial federal census as provided in section 204B.135. A
 1.18 certified copy of the resolution establishing supervisor districts must be filed by the chair
 1.19 of the district board with the county auditor of the counties where the soil and water
 1.20 conservation district is located, with the state board, and with the secretary of state ~~at least~~
 1.21 30 days before the first date candidates may file for the office of supervisor, and the filings
 1.22 must occur within 80 days of the time when the legislature has been redistricted or at least
 1.23 15 weeks before the state primary election in a year ending in two, whichever comes first.

2.1 (c) Each supervisor district is entitled to elect one supervisor. A supervisor must be a
2.2 resident of the district from which elected.

2.3 (d) The district board shall provide staggered terms for supervisors elected by
2.4 district. After each redistricting, there shall be a new election of supervisors in all the
2.5 districts at the next general election, except that if the change made in the boundaries of a
2.6 district is less than five percent of the average population of all the districts, the supervisor
2.7 in office at the time of the redistricting shall serve for the full term for which elected. The
2.8 district board shall determine by lot the seats to be filled for a two-year term, a four-year
2.9 term, and a six-year term.