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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1902

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; abolishing the Metropolitan Council;  
1.3 providing for a transition period and the transfer of certain of its powers, assets,  
1.4 and liabilities; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[473.1201] METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ABOLISHED.**

1.7 Effective July 1, 2015, the Metropolitan Council is abolished.

1.8 Sec. 2. **[473.1202] TRANSITION PERIOD.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. Council duties. As soon as possible after the effective date of this  
1.10 act, the Metropolitan Council shall prepare a summary of its powers and duties and an  
1.11 inventory of its assets and liabilities of all kinds. Based upon its summary and inventory,  
1.12 the council shall submit to the legislature, before October 31, 2014, a report making  
1.13 recommendations to the legislature on the following:

1.14 (1) proposed alternative successors to the council for those powers and duties the  
1.15 council concludes must be possessed by some level of government and that have not been  
1.16 transferred by law to another entity of government or abolished by July 1, 2015;

1.17 (2) proposed alternative dispositions of the council's assets and liabilities that have  
1.18 not been transferred by law to another governmental entity by July 1, 2015; and

1.19 (3) any other recommendations the council may wish to make to the legislature to  
1.20 provide an orderly transition from the governmental status existing before the enactment  
1.21 of this act to the governmental status which will exist beginning July 1, 2015, including  
1.22 amendments to, or repeals of, laws relating to the Metropolitan Council.

2.1            Subd. 2. **Commissioner of administration; powers and duties.** Powers and duties  
2.2 of the Metropolitan Council that are not transferred to another governmental entity or  
2.3 abolished by law by July 1, 2015, are transferred to the commissioner of administration,  
2.4 who shall continue to exercise those powers and duties until they are abolished by law or  
2.5 until July 1, 2016, whichever is earlier. Assets and liabilities of the Metropolitan Council  
2.6 that have not been disposed of pursuant to law by July 1, 2015, are transferred to the  
2.7 commissioner of administration, who shall dispose of them pursuant to law by July 1,  
2.8 2016. Section 15.039 applies to the transfer of the Metropolitan Council's powers, duties,  
2.9 assets, and liabilities to the commissioner of administration to the extent practicable. By  
2.10 January 15, 2016, the commissioner shall report to the legislature any recommendations  
2.11 that the commissioner considers necessary to supplement the Metropolitan Council's  
2.12 report and recommendation required by subdivision 1.

2.13            Sec. 3. **BONDS TO BE PAID.**

2.14            Notwithstanding the repeal of their authorizing law, bonds and other obligations of  
2.15 the Metropolitan Council issued and outstanding on the effective date of this section must  
2.16 be paid according to the authorizing law and the terms of the obligations.

2.17            Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

2.18            Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective the day following final enactment,  
2.19 and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and  
2.20 Washington.