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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2275

03/07/2019 Authored by Poppe and Baker The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; expanding sources of financing for watershed district
1.3 construction or implementation fund and project tax levy; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2018, section 103D.905, subdivisions 5, 9.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103D.905, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. Construction or implementation fund. (a) A construction or implementation
1.8 fund consists of:

1.9 (1) the proceeds of watershed district bonds or notes or of the sale of county bonds;

1.10 (2) construction or implementation loans or grants from the Pollution Control Agency
1.11 under sections 103F.701 to 103F.755, state or from any agency of the federal government;
1.12 and

1.13 (3) special assessments, storm water charges, loan repayments, and ad valorem tax levies
1.14 levied or to be levied to supply funds for the construction or implementation of the projects
1.15 of the watershed district, including reservoirs, ditches, dikes, canals, channels, storm water
1.16 facilities, sewage treatment facilities, wells, and other works, and the expenses incident to
1.17 and connected with the construction or implementation.

1.18 (b) Construction or implementation loans or grants from the Pollution Control Agency
1.19 under sections 103F.701 to 103F.755, state or from an agency of the federal government
1.20 may be repaid from the proceeds of watershed district bonds or notes or from the collections
1.21 of storm water charges, loan repayments, ad valorem tax levies, or special assessments on
1.22 properties benefited by the project.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 103D.905, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 9. **Project tax levy.** (a) In addition to other tax levies provided in this section or
2.3 in any other law, a watershed district may levy a tax:

2.4 (1) to pay the costs of projects undertaken by the watershed district ~~which~~ that are ~~to be~~
2.5 funded, in whole or in part, with ~~the proceeds of~~ money appropriated by law for grants or
2.6 ~~construction or implementation loans under sections 103F.701 to 103F.755~~ to the district;

2.7 (2) to pay the principal of, or premium or administrative surcharge, if any, and interest
2.8 on, ~~the bonds and~~ or notes issued by the watershed district ~~pursuant to section 103F.725~~ to
2.9 repay such loans; or

2.10 (3) to repay ~~the construction or implementation~~ such loans ~~under sections 103F.701 to~~
2.11 ~~103F.755.~~

2.12 (b) Taxes levied with respect to payment of bonds and notes ~~shall~~ must comply with
2.13 section 475.61.