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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

A bill for an act

relating to local government; creating a study commission to determine the feasibility of establishing South St. Louis Municipality within the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District; requiring a report.

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

Section 1. **STUDY COMMISSION.**

(a) A study commission of up to 15 members is created. The commission may be composed of two legislators appointed by the Duluth and Iron Range legislative delegations; two St. Louis County Board members appointed by the board; three city councillors from Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor appointed by their city councils; three township officers appointed by the St. Louis County Township Association; three school board members appointed by the Duluth, Hermantown, and Proctor school boards; one business representative appointed by the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce; and one labor representative appointed by the Duluth Central Labor Body.

(b) The commission shall study the feasibility of establishing a municipal government called South St. Louis Municipality. The commission shall determine if the creation of the municipality would eliminate duplication of services such as public works, law enforcement, fire protection, and education and reduce administrative and other costs.

(c) If the South St. Louis Municipality is established, the names of all cities, townships, and schools shall remain the same.

(d) The South St. Louis Municipality would be within the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District boundary, excluding any area within Carlton County.

(e) The nonlegislative members' meeting expenses must be paid by their respective appointing authorities. Staff shall be provided by the Arrowhead Regional Development

Commission. All governmental units, school districts, and business and labor shall provide assistance and information required by this legislative commission.

(f) The study shall be conducted during the 2007-2008 legislative sessions. Meetings may not be held while the legislature is in session.

(g) The commission shall report its recommendations to the governor and the legislature by February 1, 2008.