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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs

March 22, 2007

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and Read Second Time

May 22, 2007

Pursuant to Rule 4.20, re-referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs

February 21, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to statutory cities; providing a mechanism for discharge of city charter
1.3 commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 410.05, subdivision 5.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 410.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 5. **Discharge.** (a) A charter commission in a statutory city may be discharged
1.7 as follows:

1.8 (1) if the charter commission of a statutory city determines that a charter is not
1.9 necessary or desirable, the commission may be discharged by a vote of three-fourths
1.10 of its members; or

1.11 (2) if a petition signed by registered voters equal in number to at least five percent
1.12 of the registered voters in the city requesting a referendum to discharge the charter
1.13 commission is filed with the city clerk, an election must be held on the issue at a general
1.14 election or a special election pursuant to section 205.10. If a majority of the votes cast
1.15 support the referendum, the charter commission shall be discharged.

1.16 (b) Another commission may not be formed sooner than one year from the date of
1.17 discharge.