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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public buildings; removing a requirement that a city hold a referendum
1.3 before building, equipping, or maintaining a memorial for war veterans;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 416.01.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 416.01, is amended to read:

1.7 **416.01 MEMORIALS FOR WAR VETERANS.**

1.8 The governing body of any city of this state, however organized, may, ~~after the~~
1.9 ~~approval of a majority of the voters of such city, voting on the question at a special election~~
1.10 ~~called for the purpose, or at a general election or an annual election, in the notice whereof~~
1.11 ~~the proposal to do so has been submitted for approval or rejection,~~ adopt an ordinance
1.12 providing for the erection, equipment, and maintenance of a building or monument or
1.13 parks in recognition of the services performed by soldiers, sailors, marines, and war
1.14 veterans of the United States. The ordinance may also provide for the supervision and
1.15 control of such the building or monument or parks after its erection. The estimated cost, as
1.16 determined by the governing body, of such the monument or parks or building, ~~shall~~ must
1.17 be stated in ~~such notice and in the proposal to be voted upon; provided, that~~ the minutes of
1.18 the meeting in which the ordinance is adopted and no sum shall be expended for any such
1.19 purpose the monument, park, or building in an amount more than ten percent in excess of
1.20 the amount so stated in such notice the minutes. The governing body of ~~such the~~ city, ~~after~~
1.21 ~~such approval, is authorized to~~ may acquire a site within ~~such the~~ city upon which ~~such the~~
1.22 monument or parks or building may be erected; ~~provided, that before such election the site~~
1.23 ~~shall be designated and the cost thereof specified in such election notice.~~