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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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HOUSE FILE No. **3662**

March 3, 2008

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

March 17, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

March 31, 2008

Calendar For The Day, Amended

Read Third Time as Amended

Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to local government; providing for a public hearing and public testimony  
1.3 before making an appointment to fill a vacancy on a county board; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 375.101, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 375.101, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. County boards. Before making an appointment to fill a vacancy under  
1.9 subdivision 3 or 4, the county board must hold a public hearing not more than 30 days after  
1.10 the vacancy occurs with public notice given in the same manner as for a special meeting  
1.11 of the county board. At the public hearing the board must invite public testimony from  
1.12 persons residing in the district in which the vacancy occurs relating to the qualifications  
1.13 of prospective appointees to fill the vacancy. Before making an appointment, the board  
1.14 also must notify public officials in the affected district on the appointment, including town  
1.15 board and city council members, and must enter into the record at the board meeting in  
1.16 which the appointment is made the names and addresses of the public officials notified.