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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform,
Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; authorizing counties to designate business days for
1.3 public business subject to certain limitations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,
1.4 section 373.052, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 373.052, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Business days.** County offices shall be open for public business on
1.8 ~~all~~ business days ~~except~~ (a) designated by the county board. County offices shall not
1.9 be open for public business on legal holidays, (b) holidays established by the county
1.10 board pursuant to contract with certified employee bargaining units, and (c) emergency
1.11 situations. For purposes of this section "business day" means Monday, Tuesday,
1.12 Wednesday, Thursday and, Friday, or Saturday.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 373.052, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.14 to read:

1.15 Subd. 1c. **Bargaining agreements.** The county board may not modify an existing
1.16 collective bargaining agreement when designating business days as permitted by
1.17 subdivision 1.

1.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 373.052, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 2. **No loss if closed.** Any act authorized, required, or permitted by law or
1.20 contract to be performed at or in county buildings, or their offices, which are closed as
1.21 provided in this section, may be performed on the next succeeding regular business day

- 2.1 in the county and no liability or loss of rights on the part of any person shall result from
- 2.2 the closing.