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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 local government; extending the municipal boundary adjustment
1.3 advisory task force; amending Laws 2006, chapter 270, article 2, section 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2006, chapter 270, article 2, section 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Section 1. **MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ADVISORY TASK**
1.7 **FORCE ESTABLISHED.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** An advisory task force on municipal boundary
1.9 adjustments is established to study and make recommendations on what, if any, changes
1.10 should be made to the law governing municipal boundary adjustments. The task force
1.11 shall develop recommendations regarding best practices annexation training for city and
1.12 township officials to better communicate and jointly plan potential annexations. The task
1.13 force is comprised of the following members:

1.14 (1) two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority leader and one
1.15 appointed by the minority leader;

1.16 (2) two members of the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
1.17 house and one appointed by the minority leader;

1.18 (3) three representatives of city interests, appointed by the League of Minnesota
1.19 Cities in consultation with the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, the Coalition
1.20 of Greater Minnesota Cities, and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities;

1.21 (4) three representatives of township interests, appointed by the Minnesota
1.22 Association of Townships; and

1.23 (5) one person appointed jointly by the senate majority leader and the speaker of the
1.24 house of representatives to serve as chair of the task force, selected based on knowledge

2.1 and experience in municipal boundary adjustment issues and who could serve without bias
2.2 towards either side of the issue of annexation.

2.3 All appointing authorities shall provide for balance of geographic areas of the state and
2.4 city and town interests.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Report by January ~~2007~~ 2008.** The task force shall report its
2.6 recommendations to the chairs and members of the house of representatives and senate
2.7 committees with jurisdiction over municipal boundary adjustments by January 1, ~~2007~~
2.8 2008. The task force shall also provide a copy of its recommendations to the Legislative
2.9 Reference Library.

2.10 Subd. 3. **Funds available.** ~~Any funds remaining in the committee budgets for~~ The
2.11 house local government and metropolitan affairs committee ~~or~~ and the senate state and
2.12 local government operations committee ~~as of the 2006 adjournment of the legislature will~~
2.13 ~~be available to~~ shall pay in equal shares from their respective committee budgets for the
2.14 administrative expenses of the task force, including per diems and expenses of members
2.15 and the services of a facilitator from the management analysis division of the Department
2.16 of Administration.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.