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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to local government; prohibiting data centers in certain districts; proposing
- 1.3coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.
- 1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5Section 1. **[462.3655] DATA CENTERS.**
- 1.6Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
- 1.7the meanings given.
- 1.8(b) "Enterprise data center" means a facility comprised of one or more buildings that
- 1.9are located on a single parcel or on contiguous parcels that:
- 1.10(1) in aggregate contains more than 800,000 square feet of space that house or support
- 1.11the operation of enterprise information technology equipment; and
- 1.12(2) has a primary purpose of providing for the storage, management, or processing of
- 1.13digital data.
- 1.14(c) "Enterprise information technology equipment" means computers and equipment
- 1.15supporting computing, networking, or data storage, including but not limited to cabling and
- 1.16racking systems; cooling systems, cooling towers, and other temperature control
- 1.17infrastructure; and power infrastructure for transformation, distribution, or management of
- 1.18electricity used for the maintenance and operation of a facility, including but not limited to
- 1.19exterior dedicated business-owned substations, backup power generation systems, battery
- 1.20systems, and related infrastructure.
- 1.21(d) "Industrial district" means an area of land that a municipality has defined by law,
- 1.22rule, or ordinance to allow manufacturing facilities.

2.1 (e) "Manufacturing facilities" means facilities used for the manufacturing, compounding,
2.2 processing, packaging, treatment, or assembly of products and materials that may or may
2.3 not emit objectionable or offensive noise, odor, dust, vibration, or other discharge, emission,
2.4 or effect beyond the lot on which the use is located. Such uses include but are not limited
2.5 to sawmills; refineries; commercial feedlots; acid; cement; explosives; flour, feed, and grain
2.6 milling or storage; meatpacking and slaughter houses; coal or tar asphalt distillation;
2.7 rendering of fat, grease, lard, or tallow; alcoholic beverages; poisons; exterminating agents;
2.8 glue or size; lime; gypsum; plaster of paris; tanneries; automobile parts; paper and paper
2.9 products; glass chemicals, crude oil, and petroleum products, including storage; electric
2.10 power generation facilities; vinegar works; junkyard; auto reduction yard; foundry forge;
2.11 casting metal products; rock, stone, and cement products; lumberyards; machine shops;
2.12 products assembly; sheet metal shops; plastics; electronics; general nonalcoholic beverages;
2.13 signs and displays; printing; publishing; fabricated metal parts; appliances; clothing; textiles;
2.14 and used auto parts.

2.15 Subd. 2. **Limitation on data center siting.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a
2.16 municipality must not allow the development of an enterprise data center in any zoning
2.17 district.

2.18 (b) A municipality may allow an enterprise data center as a conditional use in an industrial
2.19 district.

2.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective June 20, 2025, and
2.21 applies to enterprise data centers constructed on or after that date.