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**S.F. No. 580 – Modifying Requirements for Service of a Property Petition**

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**SF 580** modifies the requirements for serving a petition challenging the assessment and/or valuation of property in a district court, or the Minnesota Tax Court. Under current law, a petitioner must file one copy of the petition with the county auditor, county attorney, and county treasurer, and three copies with the county assessor.

The proposal modifies the service requirement by authorizing the county auditor to: (1) designate an alternative service method on its website; (2) agreeing to waive personal service of a petition by agreeing to accept service through an alternative method; or (3) acknowledging receipt of a petition served through an alternative service method. An ‘alternative service method’ includes, but is not limited to, service by email or by an electronic upload to a website designated by the county. Service may also be made by any person, including a party to the action.

Within 30 days after a petition is filed, the county auditor must provide a copy of the petition to the county assessor, county treasurer, and county attorney. On or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, the county auditor must send a list of petitioned properties to the school board of the school district in which the property is located.