



## **S.F. No. 2521 – Ramsey County Economic Development Authority creation**

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This bill amends the Ramsey County chapter of law.

**Section 1 (383A.151, subd 1)** creates the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority, which has the powers of an economic development authority, except for the power to tax, the powers of a housing and redevelopment authority, and the powers of a city, under existing state law.

For purposes of applying the chapter of law that authorizes the creation of economic development authorities to this circumstance, the county of Ramsey has the powers and duties of a city, the county board has the powers and duties of the governing body, the chair of the county board has the powers of the mayor, and the area of operation is the territorial boundaries of the county. The section of law establishing the powers of a county economic development authority or housing redevelopment authority does not apply to Ramsey, except for the provision that allows a city to elect to participate or withdraw participation by resolution.

**Subdivision 2** provides that the Ramsey County Economic Authority consists of seven commissioners, and the Ramsey County board shall appoint the commissioners and fill vacancies. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners also constitutes the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. The board may appoint the sitting commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority as commissioners of the Economic Development Authority. The result is that the boards consist of the same people.

**Section 2 (383A.152)** expands the Ramsey County Housing and Development Authority's powers to include the Ramsey County Economic Authority's powers under section 1.

These sections are effective after approval by the governing body of Ramsey County and the filing of the approval with the secretary of state, which is required for all special laws.

