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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 446

01/23/2017 Authored by Bennett, Davids, Hansen and Gunther The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the city of Albert Lea; modifying local sales tax authority; amending
1.3 Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 38, subdivisions 2,
1.4 as amended, 4, as amended.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 38, subdivision
1.7 2, as amended by Laws 2006, chapter 259, article 3, section 6, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Use of revenues. The proceeds of the tax imposed under this section shall be
1.9 used to pay for lake water quality improvement projects as detailed in the Shell Rock River
1.10 watershed plan and as directed by the Shell Rock River Watershed Board. Notwithstanding
1.11 any provision of statute, other law, or city charter to the contrary, the city shall transfer all
1.12 revenues from the tax imposed under subdivision 1, as soon as they are received, to the
1.13 Shell Rock River Watershed District. The city is not required to review the intended uses
1.14 of the revenues by the watershed district, nor is the watershed district required to submit to
1.15 the city proposed budgets, statements, or invoices explaining the intended uses of the
1.16 revenues as a prerequisite for the transfer of the revenues. The Shell Rock River Watershed
1.17 District shall appear before the city of Albert Lea City Council on a biannual basis to present
1.18 a report of its activities, expenditures, and intended uses of the city sales tax revenue.

1.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after the chief clerical officer
1.20 and the governing body of the city of Albert Lea comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
1.21 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

2.1 Sec. 2. Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 38, subdivision 4, as
2.2 amended by Laws 2014, chapter 308, article 3, section 23, is amended to read:

2.3 Subd. 4. **Termination of taxes.** The taxes imposed under this section expire at the earlier
2.4 of (1) ~~15~~ 30 years after the taxes are first imposed, or (2) when the city council first
2.5 determines that the amount of revenues raised to pay for the projects under subdivision 2,
2.6 shall meet or exceed the sum of ~~\$15,000,000~~ \$30,000,000. Any funds remaining after
2.7 completion of the projects may be placed in the general fund of the city.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the chief clerical officer
2.9 and the governing body of the city of Albert Lea comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
2.10 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.