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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to local government; authorizing counties and cities to exempt land less
1.2 than 20 acres from the fence-viewing process; authorizing counties and cities
1.3 to adopt fence policies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 344.011;
1.4 344.20.
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1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 344.011, is amended to read:

1.8 **344.011 EXEMPTION.**

1.9 A county board, home rule charter or statutory city council, or town board may,
1.10 by resolution, exempt adjoining owners or occupants from this chapter when their land
1.11 considered together is less than 20 acres.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 344.20, is amended to read:

1.13 **344.20 COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN OPTION.**

1.14 (a) If eight or more landowners in a county, home rule charter or statutory city, or
1.15 town petition the town board governing body for a vote on a partition fence policy, the
1.16 town board governing body may adopt its own policy and procedures for dealing with
1.17 partition fences, including enforcement procedures. When a town board adopts a partition
1.18 fence policy, the policy must be approved by the electors of the town at an annual or
1.19 special town meeting, in which case this chapter does not apply in that town.

1.20 (b) This chapter applies to any partition fence lying on the boundary between a town
1.21 which political subdivision that has adopted its own partition fence policy and any other
1.22 political subdivision unless the other political subdivision is a town which has adopted a
1.23 similar policy.