

**RESOLUTION 06-063**  
**RECOMMENDING STATE MANDATES FOR REPEAL OR REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 6.79 allows local governments to file a written resolution with the State Auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to consider those state mandates they believe are in particular need of reform or repeal; and

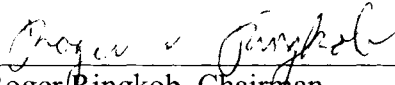
**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has identified several state mandates that negatively impact county budget and/or services.

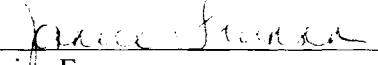
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the repeal or reform of the attached list of mandates.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners requests that the State Auditor post this list of mandates on her official web site, and that the State Legislature consider these mandates for repeal or reform.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2006

Jackson County Board of Commissioners

  
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Roger Ringkob, Chairman

ATTEST:   
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Janice Fransen,  
Jackson County Coordinator

<b>Eliminate Budget Appeals and Independent Spending Authority by County Elected Officials Other Than the Board of Commissioners</b>	<b>357.18, subd. 4; 384.151; 385.373; 386.015; 387.20; 388.18</b>	Each of the county elected officials have statutory authority to appeal their budgets. These appeals generally occur after the county levy has been set and require both the elected official and the county to hire outside counsel. In addition, the county recorder has discretion over spending the dedicated county recorder technology fund. The county board is responsible for establishing the county's overall budget and tax levy. The board's accountability to taxpayers demands that it, and it alone, have full control over county spending decisions.	
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