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Martin County Board of Commissioners
A Resolution Proposing State Mandate Reform

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates, and

WHEREAS, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website, along with name of the local government submitting the proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by Counties, Townships and Cities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following mandate proposals and directs the County Coordinator to submit the listing the State Auditor:

(Attach list of mandates)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY

Dan Schmidtke, Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

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| Eliminate Budget Appeals and Independent Spending Authority by County Elected Officials Other Than the Board of Commissioners | 357.18, subd. 4; 384.151; 385.373; 386.015; 387.20; 388.18 | 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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