

Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution # _____

Date: February 28, 2006

A resolution identifying State mandates for repeal

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of Mille Lacs County, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as low as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of Mille Lacs County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit A) list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for modification or repeal as noted.

SIGNED:

Robert Hoefert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Philip Thompson, County Auditor-Treasurer

Mandate	Statute	Comments
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 has 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, and it alone, has full control over county spending decisions.