

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE: January 24, 2006

RESOLUTION #2006-22

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER: Berg

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING STATE MANDATES FOR REPEAL

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

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

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation (M.S. 6.79) which allows local governments to file resolutions with the state auditor which either object to particular state mandates or make recommendations for reforming particular state mandates; and,

WHEREAS, the state auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments in achieving those reforms:

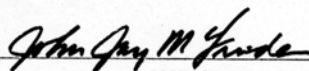
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit A) list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for repeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measures available to aid in the repeal of these mandates.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ANOKA) ss

I, John "Jay" McLinden, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on January 24, 2006, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of January 2006.



JOHN "JAY" McLINDEN
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DISTRICT #1 – BERG	X	
DISTRICT #2 – LANG	X	
DISTRICT #3 – LANGFELD	X	
DISTRICT #4 – KORDIAK	X	
DISTRICT #5 – LEDOUX	Absent	
DISTRICT #6 – SIVARAJAH	X	
DISTRICT #7 – ERHART	X	



Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comments	Additional Questions or Issues
Either Eliminate or Totally State-Fund Continued Health Insurance For Disabled Peace Officers	299A.465		Employers are required to pay the employer share of disabled peace officers' and their dependents' health insurance until the peace officer reaches age 65 even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. In part because of this, both employer and employee contribution rates to the PERA Police and Fire pension plan are increasing over 50%. When this benefit was originally enacted it was predicated on the state paying 100% of its costs. The state has not kept its part of that bargain for several years. If the state cannot meet that obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated, should be funded by the state or, at a minimum, have PERA fund the costs from the retirement fund.	