

Mandate Relief Requested	Statutory Citation	Comments
Change the "pay equity" reporting requirement back to every 5 years (was recently changed to every 3 years)	MN Statutes §471.999	Dramatic shifts in the composition of the County workforce, employee duties, or relative compensation will generally not occur within such a short timeframe (three years)
End the placement of <u>State</u> short-term offenders in County jails, or otherwise fully fund County costs to house such offenders	MN Statutes §609.135	The State reimburses counties at a rate of \$10 per day
Create more flexibility in the NPDES permitting process; do not treat silt as a pollutant equivalent to motor fuels, for example; eliminate requirements for storm water retention basins and "interim seeding" to control silt runoff during road construction projects	Federal Clean Water Act; MN Statutes §115.03	Due to extreme weather conditions, it may not always be possible to completely control project site runoff; MNPCA rules and enforcement should recognize this reality
Eliminate the regional Library maintenance of effort requirement	MN Statutes §134.34 and §134.341	Eliminating "MOE" requirements provides counties with greater flexibility in prioritizing spending, particularly during difficult budgetary times
Provide full state funding for mandated environmental regulation programs, such as ISTS, Shoreland, Wetlands and Local Water Planning	Natural Resources Block Grant authorized under MN Statutes §103B.101 and §103B.3369	In certain cases, counties act as administrative extensions of state government, enforcing state regulations or administering state programs; presumably state agencies that perform similar functions are adequately funded by state resources; counties should receive the same consideration when carrying out a state-wide function
Allow counties greater flexibility in approving "other" or "performance septic systems (ISTS) without regard to when a lot was created (allow waivers from the Chapter 7080 Rules or eliminate the arbitrary cut-off date of Jan. 23, 1996)	MN Statutes §115.03, §115.55, and §115.56	Imposing restrictions based on when a lot was created seems arbitrary and limits the county's discretion in approving non-standard septic systems that may be better suited to unique conditions in the county