

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the county of Winona; authorizing ownership of electric power
1.3 generation facilities and granting related powers.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **WINONA COUNTY; ELECTRIC POWER PLANT.**

1.6 The county of Winona may own, construct, acquire, purchase, issue bonds and
1.7 certificates of indebtedness for, maintain, and operate any renewable electric power
1.8 generation facility, or any portion of a renewable electric power generation facility, within
1.9 its corporate limits, and may sell the output from that facility at wholesale on such terms
1.10 and conditions as the county board deems is in the best interests of the public; but output
1.11 from that facility may not be sold or distributed at retail or provided for end use by the
1.12 county. With respect to any renewable electric power generation facility, or any portion of
1.13 a renewable electric power generation facility, the county may exercise the powers granted
1.14 to a municipal power agency and to a city under Minnesota Statutes, sections 453.52,
1.15 subdivisions 1, 6, 7, and 9 to 13; 453.54, subdivisions 1, 2, 4 to 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 17
1.16 to 21; 453.55; 453.57; 453.58, subdivisions 2, 3 (except as limited by this section), and
1.17 4; 453.59; 453.60; 453.61; and 453.62, provided, however, that output from that facility
1.18 may not be sold or distributed at retail or provided for end use by the county. The grant
1.19 of powers under Minnesota Statutes, section 453.58, subdivision 3, is limited and does
1.20 not include the authority to, by resolution of its governing body and without approval of
1.21 the electors or performance of other conditions provided in any charter or other law,
1.22 enter into contracts with a municipal power agency for the purchase, sale, exchange, or
1.23 transmission of electric energy and other services, on such terms and for such period of
1.24 time as the resolution may provide.

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2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This law is effective the day after the governing body of the
2.2 county of Winona and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
2.3 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.