

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 a renewable electric power
1.8 generation facility, or a portion of a renewable electric power generation facility, within its
1.9 corporate limits, and may sell the output from that facility at wholesale on such terms and
1.10 conditions as the county board deems is in the best interests of the public. With respect to
1.11 any renewable electric power generation facility, or any portion of a renewable electric
1.12 power generation facility, the county may exercise the powers granted to a municipal
1.13 power agency and to a city under Minnesota Statutes, sections 453.52, subdivisions 1,
1.14 6, 7, and 9 to 13; 453.54, subdivisions 1, 2, 4 to 6, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 17 to 21; 453.55;
1.15 453.57; 453.58, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4; 453.59; 453.60; 453.61; and 453.62, except that
1.16 output from that facility may not be sold or distributed at retail or provided for end use by
1.17 the county. Minnesota Statutes, section 453.58, subdivision 3, does not give the county the
1.18 authority to enter into contracts with a municipal power agency for the purchase, sale,
1.19 exchange, or transmission of electric energy and other services.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This law is effective the day after the governing body of the
1.21 county of Winona and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
1.22 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.