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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state and local government; prohibiting certain place names; proposing
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[1.60] PROHIBITED PLACE NAMES.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Prohibition.** The state and any political subdivision of the state must
1.7 not use any of the following to name public places or places owned or controlled by the
1.8 state or a political subdivision, including buildings, streets, lakes, rivers, or parks:

1.9 (1) Dight; and

1.10 (2) Squaw.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Phaseout.** If a name prohibited under this section is in use on the effective
1.12 date of this section the state or political subdivision must rename the place within one
1.13 year of the effective date of this section. The prohibited name may continue to be used
1.14 for up to ... years after the new name is adopted in order to mitigate the costs that may
1.15 be incurred in adapting to the new name.