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The Honorable Allan Spear
President of the Senate
G-27 Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 609, Senate File 2232, a bill relating to the appointment of county offices.

Under current Minnesota law, a county board may make the offices of county auditor, treasurer, sheriff and recorder appointed positions if approved by voter referendum (M.S. 375A.12). Chapter 609 would allow county boards to make the offices of county auditor, treasurer, coroner, and recorder appointed without a referendum, unless a petition is filed requesting a referendum.

This bill transfers authority from the voters to elected county board members. The voters can currently decide to make three of the four positions appointed if they so choose, and there is no compelling reason to transfer that authority to county boards.

This legislation is unnecessary, and would infringe on the rights of citizens to elect certain local representatives.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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