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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph L by striking out all of subparagraph (2) (page 3, lines 29 to 41 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

(2) The establishment of service charges is not mandatory, but rather is at the discretion of the municipality in which the exempt property is located. The municipal legislative body shall determine those institutions and organizations on which service charges are to be levied by charging for services on any or all of the following classifications of tax exempt real property:

(a) Residential properties currently totally exempt from property taxation, yet used to provide rental income. This classification ~~shall~~does not include student housing ~~or, parsonages or residential property owned by a nonprofit organization and used to provide housing and comprehensive services to persons with developmental, cognitive or mental disabilities.~~

If a municipality levies service charges in any of the classifications of this subparagraph, that municipality shall levy these service charges to all institutions and organizations owning property in that classification.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment narrows the scope of the bill by deleting the provision affecting converted residential housing and clarifying the provision providing an exception to municipal service charge authority for residential property owned by a nonprofit organization and used to provide housing and services to persons with certain disabilities.