

1.1 Freiberg and Quam from the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations
1.2 to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 4319, A bill for an act relating to local government; modifying the port authority
1.4 powers of the city of Lake City; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.0773.

1.5 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.6 Page 1, after line 4, insert:

1.7 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 412.341, subdivision 3, is
1.8 amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 3. **Change in membership; procedures.** (a) The number of commission members
1.10 may be increased or decreased by ordinance within the permitted number of commissioner
1.11 members as provided in subdivision 1, paragraph (a). The ordinance ~~changing~~ modifying
1.12 the number of commission members must include a provision for maintaining staggered
1.13 terms for commission members, provided that if the number of members is reduced, the
1.14 reduction must be effected in such a manner that all incumbent members are permitted to
1.15 serve their full terms. An ordinance adopted under this subdivision must not be effective
1.16 until at least 45 days after its adoption.

1.17 (b) An ordinance ~~reducing~~ modifying the size of the commission shall not take effect
1.18 and the question of whether to ~~reduce~~ modify the size of the commission must be placed
1.19 on the ballot at the next general or special election if: (1) within 45 days of the ordinance's
1.20 adoption by the city council, a petition is filed with the city clerk requesting that a referendum
1.21 be held on ~~reducing~~ modifying the size of the commission; and (2) the petition is signed by
1.22 a number of eligible voters equal to at least 15 percent of the number of electors voting at
1.23 the most recent general election. The ballot question shall be substantially stated as follows:

1.24 "Shall the size of the public utilities commission be reduced (increased) from
1.25 members to.....members?"

The question shall be followed by the words "Yes" and "No" with an appropriate oval or similar target shape before each in which a voter may record a choice. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of ~~reducing~~ modifying the size of the commission, the ordinance shall be considered approved and shall be effective immediately. If the majority of votes cast on the question are against ~~reducing~~ modifying the size of the commission, the ordinance shall not take effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Page 2, after line 1, insert:

"Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.081, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. **Terms of members.** Notwithstanding the enabling resolution or section 469.050, subdivision 4, the term length for an appointee to the Red Wing Port Authority for a term beginning on or after January 1, 2011, shall be ~~three~~ six years.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after the governing body of the city of Red Wing and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "modifying public utilities commission procedures;"

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon, insert "changing the length of terms for appointees to the Red Wing Port Authority;"

Correct the title numbers accordingly

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General Register.

This Committee action taken March 23, 2026

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