

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2281 as follows:

1.2 Page 8, after line 6, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Members; officers.** The board has ~~seven~~ 11 members appointed by the
1.5 governor with ~~the advice and consent of the senate, three of whom are producers of livestock~~
1.6 ~~in the state; one of whom is a member of a federally recognized Tribe located in Minnesota~~
1.7 ~~who is experienced in animal husbandry; and three of whom are practicing veterinarians~~
1.8 ~~licensed in Minnesota, one of whom specializes in companion animals~~ two at-large members,
1.9 one member who is a member of a federally recognized Tribe located in Minnesota, and
1.10 eight regional members, with no two regional members residing in the same congressional
1.11 district. Members must be knowledgeable in animal agriculture, animal health, or pets and
1.12 companion animals, with at least two members who represent the public and are not employed
1.13 in agriculture, veterinary medicine, the pet industry, or a related field. To the extent
1.14 practicable, the governor's appointments must achieve gender and geographic balance among
1.15 the board membership. The commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and health, the
1.16 dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the director of the Veterinary Diagnostic
1.17 Laboratory of the University of Minnesota ~~may~~ shall serve as consultants to the board
1.18 without vote. Appointments to fill unexpired terms must be made from the classes to which
1.19 the retiring members belong. The board shall elect a president and a vice-president from
1.20 among its members ~~and~~. The governor shall appoint a veterinarian licensed in Minnesota
1.21 who is not a member to be ~~its~~ the board's executive director for a term of one year and until
1.22 a successor qualifies. The board shall set the duties of the director.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026, and applies to appointments
1.24 that occur on or after that date."

1.25 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

2.1 Amend the title accordingly