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Overview

This act increases the participation of user agencies and commercial contractors on the state's designer selection board by adding two members and increases the designer choices for higher education projects. The designer selection board is under the authority of the commissioner of administration and must follow a statutory process for selecting the principal designer for state projects.

- 1 **Organization of board.** Increases the voting membership of the state designer selection board from five members to seven members. One additional member is designated by the user agency for state agencies, the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU). The other member is nominated by the Minnesota chapter of the associated general contractors in consultation with other commercial contractor associations. The number of nonvoting members of the board is reduced to one by changing the status of the user agency from advisory to voting.
- 2 **Higher education projects.** Requires the board to select a minimum of two primary designers for projects at the University of Minnesota or MnSCU. The responsible governing board must notify the commissioner of administration which designer it selects from the recommendations.