

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

Makes a number of changes in the membership and duties of the Indian Affairs Council.

- 1 Indian Affairs Council.** Changes the membership of the Indian Affairs Council:
  - Provides that a member designated by presidents or chairs of each of 11 federally recognized tribes (instead of the elected tribal chairs) serves on the Council;
  - Deletes from council membership two members elected at-large by Indian residents of Minnesota;
  - Adds a representative of the commissioner of veterans affairs (who, along with other state agency commissioners, is non-voting);
  - Provides for two (instead of three) legislators from each house to serve as non-voting members.

Provides that employment and assignment of duties of staff is to be at the direction of elected tribal leaders. Makes a number of changes in the duties of and terminology relating to the council. Refers to an advisory board (instead of council) on urban Indians. Provides that the advisory board must be appointed by the council at the direction of the elected tribal leadership.