

Chapter 102

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Subject North Branch Public Utilities Commission

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Summary

The city of North Branch may increase the size of its utilities commission from three to five members and increase the number of utilities commission members that may also serve as city council members from one to two. The terms of the members must be staggered as set in the commission's bylaws.

Effective June 15, 2020, when the certificate of local approval was filed with the Secretary of State.

Other cities that have gotten similar special law authority are Grand Rapids (1999), Shakopee and Delano (2002), Nashwauk (2008), Melrose (2011), and Elk River (2016).

General law. Minnesota Statutes, section 412.331, allows a statutory city to establish a utilities commission by ordinance. Section 412.341, subdivision 1, provides for a city utility commission to have three members, of which no more than one member may also be a city council member. General law also provides for staggered terms.