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Bill Summary

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Overview

Provides that a person appointed to be an executive branch commissioner must obtain Senate consent within one year or a new person must be appointed.

- 1 One-year limit on Senate consent.** Provides that executive branch commissioners must obtain Senate consent within one year or a new person must be appointed. If the person served as a temporary or acting commissioner, the year begins to run from the time of appointment as an acting or temporary commissioner.
The bill applies to the commissioners of 19 major state agencies referred to as "departments," and to the commissioners of the housing finance agency, pollution control agency, iron range resources and rehabilitation, and the bureau of mediation services.
- 2 Acting or temporary commissioner.** Provides that no person may serve as an acting or temporary commissioner for more than one consecutive year.
- 3 Effective date.** The bill applies to appointments made after June 30, 1999.