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Overview

Section

- 1 Subdivision 1. Commission Established.** Establishes the Minnesota Commission on Minnesota Ethnic Heritage to recognize the state's ethnic diversity and assist in fostering understanding and appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity.

Subd. 2. Membership. Specifies that the commission is to be comprised of 20 members as follows: four members of the legislature, one each from the minority and majority caucuses in the house and senate; and 16 members of the public appointed by the governor in consultation with state ethnic organizations. Appointed members would serve two-year terms.

Subd. 3. Duties. Specifies the duties of the commission to include: developing programs and proposals to encourage ethnic identity, preserve ethnic heritage, and promote public education about the state's heritage and cultural history; make recommendations to the legislature and governor to foster the understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity in the state; and maintain association with ethnic, cultural and minority groups to determine community needs.

Subd. 4. Implementation. Directs the Legislative Coordinating Commission to staff the commission and to consult with the legislature and governor in assisting with the duties of the commission.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general fund money in fiscal year 2008 to finance the commission.
- 3 Effective Date.** Specifies that the bill is effective the day following final enactment.

