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Overview

Allows the Minneapolis school board to appoint two members to the Minneapolis redistricting commission charged with redistricting school board district boundaries, among other city boundaries. Causes the two school boardappointees to replace two current commission members appointed by the city council's majority and minority caucuses. Establishes six standards for setting school board district boundaries. Makes this law contingent upon local school board approval.

Section

- Special School District No. 1; Minneapolis. Notwithstanding the Minneapolis home rule charter, allows the Minneapolis school board to appoint two members to serve on the Minneapolis redistricting commission in lieu of two current commission members in order that school board-appointed members may participate with other commission members in redistricting school board districts. Directs the school board-appointed members to participate with other appointed commission members in redistricting school board districts. Prohibits the district-appointed members from participating in redistricting city council wards. Prohibits city council appointees from redistricting school board districts. Allows the redistricting commission to adopt procedures to ensure that school board-appointees fully participate in the redistricting process.
- Standards. Consistent with Minneapolis home rule charter time lines, directs the redistricting commission to use the six standards in this section to set school board district boundaries, including standards related to the ideal population of a district, the compactness of district boundary lines, the retention of a district's numerical designation, the voting strength of minority populations identified by race and language, the preservation of communities of interest, and use of the official population as stated by the U.S. Census.
- 3 Effective date. Makes sections 1 and 2 effective the day after the Minneapolis school

district files with the secretary of state a certificate indicating its approval of this law.