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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill restructures the Metropolitan Council as a council-of-governments, made up of county commissioners and city council members.

#### Section

**1**        **Definitions (appointments to multi-member agencies).** Technical.

**2**        **Group II salary limits.** Technical.

**3**        **Coverage (retirement plans).** Technical.

**4**        **Metropolitan Council.**

**Subd. 1. Creation.** Strikes the specific number of members of the council.

**Subd. 1a. Compensation; expenses.** Adds a provision permitting council members to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses but prohibiting per diem.

**Subd. 2a. Terms.** Strikes the subdivision setting terms of members.

**Subd. 3. Membership.** Strikes appointment process and provides for the council to consist of:

- one county commissioner each from Scott and Carver counties (under 200,000 in population as of 2000), appointed by the respective county boards to serve at the pleasure of the respective county boards;
- two county commissioners from each of the other metropolitan counties (over 200,000 population as of 2000);
- five city council members, appointed by the governor from metropolitan area cities; and

- commissioners or their designees of transportation, natural resources, housing finance agency (all to serve as nonvoting members).

**Subd. 3a. Redistricting.** Technical. Provides for the redistricting provisions to apply to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

**Subd. 3d. District boundaries.** Technical. Provides for the district boundaries to apply to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

**Subd. 4. Chair; appointment, officers, selection; duties and compensation.** Provides for the chair of the council to be appointed by and from among the council members.

- 5 Membership; appointments.** Technical to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission.
- 6 Composition.** Technical to the Metropolitan Airports Commission.
- 7 Application.** Technical, providing for sections 4 to 6 to apply in the seven county metropolitan area.