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Under general law governing municipal public utilities commissions, a municipal PUC has three members with staggered terms and no more than one member also serving as a city council member. Residency (presumably in the city) is not required unless the city provides so. Minn. Stat. § 412.341, subd. 1.

This bill permits the city of Melrose to increase its PUC membership up to seven members. In addition, it allows the city to determine terms and residency requirements for commission members, including that one or more members may also be members of the city council. Requires terms to be staggered. It is effective after the city completes local approval (adopts a resolution approving the special law for the city and files the resolution with the Secretary of State before the start of the next biennium).

Special laws enacted for other city public utilities commissions have allowed for a membership increase up to five members and provided specifically for staggered terms. Previous special laws did not provide for more than one city council member to serve on the commission. Grand Rapids, Laws 1999, chapter 195, section 2; Delano, Laws 2002, chapter 238 (did not take effect); Shakopee, Laws 2002, chapter 226; Nashwauk, Laws 2008, chapter 183.