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Allows the city of North Branch by ordinance to increase the membership of the city's public utilities commission from three members, as provided under general law, to seven members. Also allows the ordinance to provide that a person does not have to be a resident of the city to be appointed to the commission and for up to two members to also serve on the city council. Effective upon local approval by the city.

A number of cities have been given special law authority to increase the size of their PUCs. The most recent was Melrose in 2011 and before that Nashwauk in 2008, Delano and Shakopee in 2002 (although Delano never approved the law and it did not take effect), and Grand Rapids in 1999. This bill is substantially the same as the 2011 law for the city of Melrose.