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Overview

This bill modifies the membership and voting authority for certain members of the Clean Water Council.

The Clean Water Council currently has 28 members, including 19 voting members appointed by the Governor, and nine nonvoting members: five members appointed to represent certain agencies (the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources); and four legislators. The Clean Water Council makes recommendations on the expenditure of funds from the clean water fund (which was established by the “Legacy Amendment” passed by the voters in 2008) and the implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act.

Section

- 1 Membership; appointment.** Amends § 114D.30, subd. 2. Removes the voting authority for two members of the Clean Water Council (the member representing the Metropolitan Council and the member representing the University of Minnesota or a Minnesota state university). Modifies the appointment process for those two members to require the appointments to be made by the entity they represent instead of the Governor as required under current law. The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota would be responsible for appointing a member representing the University of Minnesota so a Minnesota state university representative would no longer be eligible for appointment.