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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes staggered, four-year terms for Metropolitan Council members, effective in 2019, after the next governor is elected. It also provides that members of the council must be local elected officials, and the nominating committee must have local elected officials appointed by their respective associations. Up until 1994, council members served staggered, four year terms.

#### Section

- 1**      **Terms.** Establishes staggered terms, with half of the Metropolitan Council up for appointment every two years. Strikes the language providing for members to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Strikes language that duplicates language in subdivision 3.

Effective for appointments made after January 1, 2019, when the next governor will take office. Provides for initial staggered terms of new members appointed then.
- 2**      **Membership; appointment; qualifications.** Requires each member of the Metropolitan Council to be an elected city council member or mayor, or a county commissioner. Restructures the nominating committee so that three of the local elected officials on it are appointed by Metro Cities (legally named Association of Metropolitan Municipalities), one is a county commissioner appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties, and three other persons are appointed by the governor.

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