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H.F. 6, as amended by the H0006DE2 amendment, changes the authorities that appoint commissioners to the Minnesota PUC. Currently, appointment of the five members are made by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. This bill would revolve the appointment authority among leaders of the house and senate and the governor. As vacancies on the commission arise, appointing authorities would change as follows: the first vacancy would be filled by an appointment made by the speaker of the house; the second by the senate majority leader; succeeding appointments would be made, in order, by the house minority leader, the senate minority leader, and the governor. The senate would no longer be involved in the process.

Section 2 of the bill outlines how this system would work over the next two years to replace all current commissioners. Appointments would be made by the senate majority and minority leaders to replace two sitting commissioners by July 2017; the governor would make a single appointment by February 2018; by July 1, 2019, the house majority and minority leaders would replace the two remaining members. After that, the new revolving system above would govern appointments.