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Overview

This bill changes the terms of Metropolitan Council members to four-year, staggered terms and modifies the appointment process. It also describes the duties of the Equity Advisory Committee and establishes an SAC stakeholder group.

Section

- 1** **Terms.** Provides for four-year, staggered terms for members of the Metropolitan Council.
Effective for appointments made on or after January 1, 2020. Provides for council members serving at that time to remain until successors are appointed.
- 2** **Membership; appointment; qualifications.** Modifies the process for nominating candidates for appointment to the Metropolitan Council.
Requires the open appointments notice to provide specific information about the position.
Expands the nominating committee to 13 members, including the seven members currently appointed by the governor, three members appointed by Metro Cities, and three members appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties. Requires three finalists to be submitted to the governor for each position. Requires the nominating committee to publish the names and qualifications of the finalists and requires the governor to wait 14 days after the publication before making the appointment.
Adds areas of expertise or knowledge to the qualifications a member must have.
Effective for appointments made on or after January 1, 2018.

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- 3** **Advisory committees.** Describes the duties of the Equity Advisory Committee.
Effective January 1, 2018.
- 4** **SAC stakeholder group.** Requires the council to convene an SAC stakeholder group on new or expanded outdoor seating at eating or drinking establishments. Requires a report to the legislature by January 25, 2018, with a technical basis for any proposed changes.