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Bill Summary

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Overview

Under current law, candidates for a vacancy on the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents typically apply to the Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC), a citizen council. RCAC then screens and interviews the applicants, recommending two to four candidates per vacancy to a joint legislative committee. The joint legislative committee then recommends one candidate per vacancy to the joint legislative convention, which elects regents.

This bill repeals the RCAC statute, creates a new "regent selection joint subcommittee" to recruit and recommend candidates for at-large regent positions, and establishes congressional district legislative delegations to recommend candidates for district regent positions.

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1   **Regent selection joint subcommittee.** Creates a joint legislative subcommittee to recruit and recommend to the joint legislative committee one candidate for each vacant at-large position. The subcommittee consists of four members — two from each party — from each chamber's higher education committee.

2   **Regent nomination joint committee.** Directs the joint legislative committee to consider the recommended candidates from both the joint subcommittee and the several congressional delegations.

3   **Congressional district legislative delegation.** Provides that, for vacancies assigned to specific congressional districts, a delegation of legislators (from both chambers) representing that congressional district will recommend one candidate to the joint legislative committee.

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> Voting must be proportional based on the population within the congressional district that each legislator represents.

4   **Repealer.** Repeals the RCAC statute.