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Overview

This bill restructures the Metropolitan Council from 16 members from districts and a chair appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, to 27 members consisting of 23 local elected officials and four members representing transportation modes for the purposes of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for federal transportation funding.

Section

1 Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 1. Creation; membership. Provides that the Metropolitan Council consists of 27 members, instead of 17. Provides for: (1) each county board to appoint one member to the council; (2) a local elected official appointed from each of the 16 council districts by the municipal committee in each district; and (3) the commissioner of transportation and three other persons appointed by the commissioner of transportation to represent modes of transportation.

Specifies that local elected offices are compatible with serving on the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 2a. Terms. Specifies the terms of the various appointees, generally two years.

Subd. 2b. Municipal committee in each council district. Directs the city councils in each Metropolitan Council district to appoint a member to serve on the municipal committee for the council district, which appoints one of its members to serve on the

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Metropolitan Council and otherwise discusses issues relating to the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 3. Members', chair's compensation. Provides for members to be paid \$20,000 per year and the chair, \$40,000 per year. Provides this is in addition to pay as a local elected official. Provides that the commissioner of transportation does not receive compensation but may get reimbursed for expenses, as may the other members.

Strikes provisions relating to nominating committees, appointments process.

Subd. 3a. Redistricting. Technical, conforming.

Subd. 4. Chair; appointment, officers, selection; duties and compensation. Provides for the chair to be appointed by and from among the council members.

Subd. 9. Authority to vote; quorum; votes required for action. Divides authority to vote. Provides that all members may vote when the council is acting as the MPO. Provides that the commissioner of transportation and the commissioner's appointees may not vote on other matters.

Provides that imposing a levy or adopting a metropolitan system plan or plan amendment requires at least a 60 percent vote.

Effective date; transition; application. Effective January 1, 2018, and applies in the metropolitan counties. Provides for Metropolitan Council members serving on the effective date to continue to serve until new members are appointed from districts by the municipal committees.

Provides that the subdivision establishing municipal committees is effective immediately.

2 Transportation planning. Eliminates the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).

Effective January 1, 2018 and applies in the metropolitan counties.