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Overview

The University of Minnesota's Board of Regents has 12 members, eight of whom must reside in each congressional district, and four of whom represent the state at-large. Under current law, candidates for any vacant position 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 candidates, 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 makes the following changes to the regent election process:

Section

- 1 - 3** **RCAC and joint legislative committee.** Restricts the work of RCAC and the joint committee to vacancies for at-large positions.
- 4** **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 convention. Voting must be proportional based on the amount of territory within the congressional district that each legislator represents. A legislator who represents multiple congressional districts may only participate in one delegation per year.

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- 5** **Joint convention; weighted voting.** Provides that, when the joint convention votes to elect a regent for a congressional district position, the vote of a member from that congressional district legislative delegation is worth double.