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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 makes the following changes to the RCAC statute.

Section

- 1 Membership.** Reduces the size of RCAC from 24 members to 16 members. Prohibits current legislators from serving on RCAC.
- 2 Duties.** Requires RCAC to consult with the chairs and ranking minority members of the House and Senate higher education committees when developing selection criteria for regent candidates.
- 3 Recommendations.** For RCAC's recommendations to the joint legislative committee, removes the minimum requirement of two recommended candidates per vacancy, but retains the maximum of four. Provides that, if RCAC recommends less than four candidates for a vacancy, it must explain to the committee why additional candidates were not recommended. Also requires RCAC to recommend any incumbent regent seeking reelection.