

**Subject** Metropolitan Council, staggered terms, nominating process

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## Overview

This bill changes the terms of Metropolitan Council members to four-year, staggered terms and modifies the appointment process. Under current law Council members serve at the pleasure of the governor. It also modifies the nominating process.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Terms (Metropolitan Council).</b></p> <p>Provides for four-year, staggered terms for members of the Metropolitan Council appointed on or after January 1, 2022. Provides for council members serving at that time to remain until successors are appointed.</p>
2	<p><b>Membership; appointment; qualifications.</b></p> <p>Modifies the process for nominating candidates for appointment to the Metropolitan Council. Requires the open appointments notice to provide specific information about the appointment process, the skills and knowledge and time commitment the position entails. Requires the notice to be provided by electronic means to local governing bodies in the district for which a member is to be appointed and to local government organizations that have notified the secretary of state that they would like to be notified.</p> <p>Expands the nominating committee from seven to 13 members, including five members appointed by the governor, five members appointed by Metro Cities, and three members appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties. Requires the nominating committee to seek out candidates.</p> <p>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. Requires the governor to explain in writing if the governor rejects all finalists in favor of someone else.</p> <p>Adds areas of expertise or knowledge, and availability to the qualifications a member must have.</p>

Section	Description
	Effective for appointments made on or after January 1, 2020.



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