

Subject State Board of Civil Legal Services

Authors Curran and Others

Analyst Mary Davis

Date February 29, 2024

## Overview

This bill creates the State Board of Civil Legal Aid and provides that members are appointed by the supreme court and governor. The new State Board of Civil Legal Aid will make decisions about legal aid previously made by an advisory council under the supreme court.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Eligible client.</b> Updates a definition based on the creation of the State Board of Civil Legal Aid.
2	<b>Recipient.</b> Updates a definition based on the creation of the State Board of Civil Legal Aid.
3	<b>State Board of Civil Legal Aid.</b> Creates the State Board of Civil Legal Aid within the judicial branch and provides for membership, duties, access to records for the board, and administrative support to the board.
4	<b>Review of applications; selection of recipients.</b> Updates statutes related to funding civil legal services based on the creation of the State Board of Civil Legal Aid.
5	<b>Timing of distribution of funds.</b> Provides that funds to legal aid must be distributed twice a year.
6	<b>Committee eligibility guidelines.</b> Updates laws related to eligibility for civil legal services based on the creation of the State Board of Civil Legal Aid.

Section	Description
7	<b>Repealer.</b> Repeals an obsolete section.
8	<b>Effective date.</b> Provides the board begins January 1, 2025.



**MN HOUSE  
RESEARCH**

*Minnesota House Research Department provides nonpartisan legislative, legal, and information services to the Minnesota House of Representatives. This document can be made available in alternative formats.*

[www.house.mn.gov/hrd](http://www.house.mn.gov/hrd) | 651-296-6753 | 155 State Office Building | St. Paul, MN 55155