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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 138

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to animals; requiring one Board of Animal Health member to be from a
1.3 federally recognized tribe; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.02,
1.4 subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Members; officers. The board has five members appointed by the
1.8 governor with the advice and consent of the senate, three of whom are producers of livestock
1.9 in the state, and two of whom are practicing veterinarians licensed in Minnesota. One of
1.10 the board members must be a member of a federally recognized tribe located in Minnesota.
1.11 The commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and health, the dean of the College of
1.12 Veterinary Medicine, and the director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of the
1.13 University of Minnesota may serve as consultants to the board without vote. Appointments
1.14 to fill unexpired terms must be made from the classes to which the retiring members belong.
1.15 The board shall elect a president and a vice-president from among its members and a
1.16 veterinarian licensed in Minnesota who is not a member to be its executive director for a
1.17 term of one year and until a successor qualifies. The board shall set the duties of the director.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2021. The additional board
1.19 composition requirements made by this section must be met by June 1, 2023.