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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1710**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

04/08/2013 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to environment; modifying Environmental Quality Board provisions;  
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 116C.03, subdivisions 2, 4, 5.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 116C.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The members of the board are the ~~director of the Office of~~  
1.7 ~~Strategic and Long-Range Planning~~ commissioner of administration, the commissioner  
1.8 of commerce, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, the commissioner  
1.9 of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of health,  
1.10 the commissioner of employment and economic development, the commissioner of  
1.11 transportation, the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and a representative of  
1.12 the governor's office designated by the governor. The governor shall appoint five members  
1.13 from the general public to the board, subject to the advice and consent of the senate.  
1.14 At least two of the five public members must have knowledge of and be conversant in  
1.15 water management issues in the state. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.06,  
1.16 subdivision 6, members of the board may not delegate their powers and responsibilities as  
1.17 board members to any other person.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 116C.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 4. **Support.** Staff and consultant support for board activities shall be provided  
1.20 by the ~~Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning~~ Pollution Control Agency. This  
1.21 support shall be provided based upon an annual budget and work program developed by  
1.22 the board and certified to the commissioner by the chair of the board. The board shall

2.1 have the authority to request and require staff support from all other agencies of state  
2.2 government as needed for the execution of the responsibilities of the board.

2.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 116C.03, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 5. **Administration.** The board shall contract with the ~~Office of Strategic and~~  
2.5 ~~Long-Range Planning~~ Pollution Control Agency for administrative services necessary to  
2.6 the board's activities. The services shall include personnel, budget, payroll and contract  
2.7 administration.