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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a legislative commission on state  
1.3 information technology services; requiring appointments; proposing coding for  
1.4 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[3.8845] LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON STATE INFORMATION**  
1.7 **TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Established.** The Legislative Commission on State Information  
1.9 Technology Services is established to oversee the work of the Office of MN.IT Services  
1.10 and the information technology infrastructure, spending, and security programs of state  
1.11 agencies.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commission consists of four senators appointed by the senate  
1.13 Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration and four  
1.14 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house. Two members  
1.15 from each chamber must be from the majority party in that chamber, and two members from  
1.16 each chamber must be from the minority party in that chamber. Each appointing authority  
1.17 must make appointments as soon as possible after the beginning of the regular legislative  
1.18 session in the odd-numbered year. In making appointments, priority must be given to  
1.19 members with a demonstrated interest in or a history of working in information technology  
1.20 or related fields.

1.21 Subd. 3. **Terms; vacancies.** Members of the commission serve for terms beginning upon  
1.22 appointment and ending at the beginning of the regular legislative session in the next

2.1 odd-numbered year. The appropriate appointing authority must fill a vacancy for the  
2.2 remainder of the unexpired term.

2.3 Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The commission must elect a chair and may elect other  
2.4 officers as it deems necessary. The chair alternates between a member of the senate and a  
2.5 member of the house of representatives in January of each odd-numbered year. The ranking  
2.6 representative from the majority party appointed to the commission must convene the first  
2.7 meeting of a biennium by February 15 in each odd-numbered year.

2.8 (b) The commission must regularly conduct meetings at times and places designated by  
2.9 the chair. Meetings are subject to section 3.055, provided that the commission, by majority  
2.10 vote, may close a meeting to discuss specific components of information technology security  
2.11 programs or other services that may constitute security information under section 13.37.

2.12 Subd. 5. **Staff.** Legislative staff must provide administrative and research assistance to  
2.13 the commission. The Legislative Coordinating Commission may, if funding is available,  
2.14 appoint staff to provide specialized research or technical assistance as requested by the  
2.15 commission.

2.16 Subd. 6. **Assistance of state agencies.** At the commission's request, the state's chief  
2.17 information officer, or a designee, must regularly appear and assist the commission in its  
2.18 work. The commission may additionally request information or assistance from any state  
2.19 office or agency as necessary to carry out its duties. State agencies must promptly provide  
2.20 any information or data requested by the commission.

2.21 Subd. 7. **Duties.** (a) The commission must monitor, review, and make recommendations  
2.22 as applicable to the Office of MN.IT Services, another state agency, or the legislature on:

2.23 (1) emerging issues and technologies related to information technology programs and  
2.24 security policy in state government, including methods of financing the programs and  
2.25 policies, and the impact of aging or obsolete information technology systems on the state's  
2.26 ability to provide efficient and secure programs and services;

2.27 (2) legislative and executive branch proposals related to the structure or operation of the  
2.28 Office of MN.IT Services; and

2.29 (3) legislative and executive branch proposals that provide new or substantially modified  
2.30 duties related to a state agency's information technology program, or delivery of services  
2.31 through that program, including those that require new or upgraded information technology  
2.32 infrastructure or that require a substantial increase in an agency's expenses for information  
2.33 technology.

3.1 (b) A copy of all recommendations adopted by the commission, regardless of the entity  
3.2 to which the recommendation is directed, must be submitted to the chairs and ranking  
3.3 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over state government  
3.4 finance within 30 days of the recommendations' adoption.

3.5 Subd. 8. **Expiration.** The commission expires June 30, 2021.

3.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment. Initial  
3.7 appointments to the commission must be made no later than July 1, 2018. The ranking  
3.8 representative from the majority party must convene the first meeting of the commission  
3.9 no later than August 1, 2018.