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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 911

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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 agriculture; modifying the Board of Animal Health; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2022, section 35.02, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 35.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Members; officers.** The board has ~~six~~ 11 members appointed by the
1.7 governor with ~~the advice and consent of the senate, four of whom are producers of livestock~~
1.8 ~~in the state and at least one of the four livestock producers is also a member of a federally~~
1.9 ~~recognized Tribe located in Minnesota, and two of whom are practicing veterinarians licensed~~
1.10 ~~in Minnesota~~ two at-large members, one member who is a member of a federally recognized
1.11 Tribe located in Minnesota, and eight regional members, with no two regional members
1.12 residing in the same congressional district. To the extent practicable, the governor's
1.13 appointments must achieve gender balance among the board membership. Members must
1.14 be knowledgeable in animal agriculture, animal health, or pets and companion animals,
1.15 with at least two members who represent the public and are not employed in agriculture,
1.16 veterinary medicine, the pet industry, or a related field. The commissioners of agriculture,
1.17 natural resources, and health, the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the
1.18 director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of the University of Minnesota ~~may~~ shall
1.19 serve as consultants to the board without vote. Appointments to fill unexpired terms must
1.20 be made from the classes to which the retiring members belong. The board shall elect a
1.21 president and a vice-president from among its members ~~and~~. The governor shall appoint a
1.22 veterinarian licensed in Minnesota who is not a member to be ~~its~~ the board's executive

2.1 director for a term of one year and until a successor qualifies. The board shall set the duties
2.2 of the director.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2023, and applies to appointments
2.4 that occur on or after that date.