

A bill for an act

relating to the Metropolitan Council; providing for staggered terms of
Metropolitan Council members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
473.123, subdivision 2a.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 473.123, subdivision 2a, is amended to
read:

Subd. 2a. **Terms.** Following each apportionment of council districts, as provided
under subdivision 3a, council members must be appointed from newly drawn districts as
provided in subdivision 3a. Each council member, other than the chair, must reside in the
council district represented. Each council district must be represented by one member
of the council. ~~The terms of members end with the term of the governor~~ Members
serve four-year terms, except that all terms expire on the effective date of the next
apportionment. Half of the initial appointments following each apportionment are for
two-year terms, with the members from odd-numbered districts serving initial terms of two
years and the members from even-numbered districts serving initial terms of four years in
odd-numbered decades. In even-numbered decades, the members from even-numbered
districts serve initial terms of two years and the members from odd-numbered districts
serve initial terms of four years. A member may only be removed for cause. ~~A~~
~~member serves at the pleasure of the governor.~~ A member shall continue to serve the
member's district until a successor is appointed and qualified; except that, following each
apportionment, the member shall continue to serve at large until the governor appoints 16
council members, one from each of the newly drawn council districts as provided under

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2.1 subdivision 3a, to serve terms as provided under this section. The appointment to the
2.2 council must be made by the first Monday in March of the year in which the term ends.

2.3 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

2.4 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to the terms
2.5 of council members on and after the effective date of the next reapportionment of
2.6 council districts in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott,
2.7 and Washington.