

A bill for an act

relating to railroads; modifying membership on Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.86, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.86, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee.** (a) A Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee ~~shall be~~ is established to advise the commissioner on issues relating to the alternatives analysis, environmental review, advanced corridor planning, preliminary engineering, final design, implementation method, construction of commuter rail, public involvement, land use, service, and safety. The Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee shall consist of:

(1) one member representing each significant funding partner in whose jurisdiction the line or lines are located;

(2) one member appointed by each county in which the corridors are located;

(3) one member appointed by each city in which advanced corridor plans indicate that a station may be located;

(4) two members appointed by the commissioner, one of whom shall be designated by the commissioner as the chair of the committee;

(5) one member appointed by each metropolitan planning organization through which the commuter rail line may pass; ~~and~~

(6) one member appointed by the president of the University of Minnesota, if a designated corridor provides direct service to the university; and

2.1 (7) two members of labor organizations operating in, and with authority for, trains or
2.2 rail yards or stations junctioning with freight and commuter rail lines on corridors, with
2.3 one member appointed by the speaker of the house and the other member appointed by the
2.4 senate Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Committees.

2.5 (b) A joint powers board existing on April 1, 1999, consisting of local governments
2.6 along a commuter rail corridor, shall perform the functions set forth in paragraph (a) in
2.7 place of the committee.

2.8 (c) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the committee does not expire.