

A bill for an act

relating to waters; modifying membership of the Board of Water and Soil Resources; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 103B.101, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 103B.101, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources is composed of ~~12~~ 15 appointed members knowledgeable of water and soil problems and conditions within the state and five ex officio members.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 103B.101, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Voting members.** (a) The members are:

(1) three county commissioners;

(2) three soil and water conservation district supervisors;

(3) three watershed district or watershed management organization representatives;

(4) three citizens who are not employed by, or the appointed or elected officials of, a governmental office, board, or agency;

(5) one township officer;

(6) two elected city officials, one of whom must be from a city located in the metropolitan area, as defined under section 473.121, subdivision 2;

~~(5)~~ (7) the commissioner of agriculture;

~~(6)~~ (8) the commissioner of health;

~~(7)~~ (9) the commissioner of natural resources;

~~(8)~~ (10) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency; and

~~(9)~~ (11) the director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

(b) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(4)~~ (6), must be distributed across the state with at least ~~three~~ four members but not more than ~~five~~ six members from the metropolitan area, as defined by section 473.121, subdivision 2; and one from each of the current soil and water conservation administrative regions.

(c) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(4)~~ (6), are appointed by the governor. In making the appointments, the governor may consider persons recommended by the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. The list submitted by an association must contain at least three nominees for each position to be filled.

(d) The membership terms, compensation, removal of members and filling of vacancies on the board for members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(4)~~ (6), are as provided in section 15.0575.