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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1334

02/06/2023 Authored by Elkins The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; authorizing Metropolitan Council advisory
1.3 committee and Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission member
1.4 compensation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 473.127; 473.1565,
1.5 subdivisions 2, 2a; 473.303, subdivision 6.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.127, is amended to read:

1.8 473.127 ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

1.9 The Metropolitan Council may establish and appoint persons to advisory committees to
1.10 assist the Metropolitan Council in the performance of its duties. Members of the advisory
1.11 committees shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their may be
1.12 compensated at a daily rate for each day spent on advisory committee activities, when
1.13 authorized by the council, plus reasonable expenses as determined by the Metropolitan
1.14 Council. Advisory committee members who are state employees, employees or officials of
1.15 political subdivisions, or employees or officials of other public entities must not receive the
1.16 daily compensation for advisory committee activities that occur during working hours for
1.17 which they are compensated by the state, a political subdivision, or other public entity. The
1.18 council must adopt internal standards prescribing what constitutes a day spent on advisory
1.19 committee activities for purposes of making daily payments under this section. The daily
1.20 rate for compensation under this subdivision shall be the daily rate specified in section
1.21 15.059, subdivision 3.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
 2.2 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
 2.3 Scott, and Washington.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.1565, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 2. **Policy advisory committee.** (a) A Metropolitan Area Water Supply Policy
 2.6 Advisory Committee is established to assist the council in its planning activities in
 2.7 subdivision 1. The policy advisory committee has the following membership:

2.8 (1) the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee;

2.9 (2) the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;

2.10 (3) the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designee;

2.11 (4) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency or the commissioner's designee;

2.12 (5) two officials of counties that are located in the metropolitan area, appointed by the
 2.13 governor, in consultation with the Association of Minnesota Counties;

2.14 (6) five officials of noncounty local governmental units that are located in the
 2.15 metropolitan area, appointed by the governor, in consultation with the Association of
 2.16 Metropolitan Municipalities;

2.17 (7) the chair of the Metropolitan Council or the chair's designee, who is chair of the
 2.18 advisory committee;

2.19 (8) one official each from the counties of Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne, and Wright,
 2.20 appointed by the governor, in consultation with the Association of Minnesota Counties and
 2.21 the League of Minnesota Cities; and

2.22 (9) a representative of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services, appointed by and serving
 2.23 at the pleasure of the Saint Paul Regional Water Services, and a representative of the
 2.24 Minneapolis Water Department, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the mayor of
 2.25 the city of Minneapolis.

2.26 A local government unit in each of the seven counties in the metropolitan area and
 2.27 Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne, and Wright Counties must be represented in the 11 appointments
 2.28 made under clauses (5), (6), and (8).

2.29 (b) Members of the advisory committee appointed by the governor serve at the pleasure
 2.30 of the governor. ~~Members of the advisory committee serve without compensation but may~~
 2.31 ~~be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as determined by the Metropolitan Council.~~

3.1 Compensation of policy advisory committee members and reimbursement of reasonable
 3.2 expenses are governed by section 473.127.

3.3 (c) The council must consider the work and recommendations of the policy advisory
 3.4 committee when the council is preparing its regional development framework.

3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
 3.6 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
 3.7 Scott, and Washington.

3.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.1565, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

3.9 Subd. 2a. **Technical advisory committee.** A Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical
 3.10 Advisory Committee is established to inform the policy advisory committee's work by
 3.11 providing scientific and engineering expertise necessary to provide the region an adequate
 3.12 and sustainable water supply. The technical advisory committee consists of 15 members
 3.13 appointed by the policy advisory committee, with the majority of members representing
 3.14 single-city and multicity public water supply systems in the metropolitan area and including
 3.15 experts in:

3.16 (1) water resources analysis and modeling;

3.17 (2) hydrology; and

3.18 (3) the engineering, planning, design, and construction of water systems or water systems
 3.19 finance.

3.20 Members of the technical advisory committee serve at the pleasure of the policy advisory
 3.21 committee, ~~without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as~~
 3.22 ~~determined by the council.~~ Compensation of technical advisory committee members and
 3.23 reimbursement of reasonable expenses are governed by section 473.127.

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
 3.25 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
 3.26 Scott, and Washington.

3.27 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.303, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

3.28 Subd. 6. **Compensation.** Members of the commission and the chair shall serve without
 3.29 compensation but may be compensated at a daily rate for each day spent on commission
 3.30 activities, when authorized by the council, and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary
 3.31 expenses incurred in the performance of duties as determined by the Metropolitan Council.

4.1 Members, including the chair, who are state employees, employees or officials of political
4.2 subdivisions, or employees or officials of other public entities must not receive the daily
4.3 compensation for commission activities that occur during working hours for which they are
4.4 compensated by the state, a political subdivision, or other public entity. The daily rate for
4.5 compensation under this subdivision shall be the daily rate specified in section 15.059,
4.6 subdivision 3.

4.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
4.8 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
4.9 Scott, and Washington.