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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2714

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Minnesota State Retirement System; adding a board member;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 352.03, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 352.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Membership of board; election; term. (a) The policy-making function
1.7 of the system is vested in a board of ~~11~~ 12 members known as the board of directors. This
1.8 board shall consist of:

1.9 (1) three members appointed by the governor, one of whom must be a constitutional
1.10 officer or appointed state official and two of whom must be public members knowledgeable
1.11 in pension matters;

1.12 (2) four state employees elected by active members and former members eligible for a
1.13 deferred annuity from the general state employees retirement plan, excluding employees
1.14 and deferred annuitants for whom a board member is designated;

1.15 (3) one employee of the Metropolitan Council's transit operations or its successor agency
1.16 designated by the executive committee of the labor organization that is the exclusive
1.17 bargaining agent representing employees of the transit division;

1.18 (4) one employee who is a member of the State Patrol retirement plan elected by active
1.19 members and former members eligible for a deferred annuity from that plan;

1.20 (5) one employee who is a member of the correctional state employees retirement plan
1.21 established under this chapter elected by active members and former members eligible for
1.22 a deferred annuity from that plan; and

2.1 (6) one retired employee of a plan included in the system, elected by disabled and retired  
2.2 employees of the plans administered by the system at a time and in a manner determined  
2.3 by the board; and

2.4 (7) one deferred annuitant elected by former members eligible for a deferred annuity,  
2.5 excluding deferred annuitants for when a board member is designated.

2.6 (b) The terms of the four elected state employees under paragraph (a), clause (2), must  
2.7 be staggered, with two of the state employee board positions elected each biennium, whose  
2.8 terms of office begin on the first Monday in May after their election. Elected members and  
2.9 the appointed member of the Metropolitan Council's transit operations hold office for a term  
2.10 of four years and until their successors are elected or appointed, and have qualified.

2.11 (c) An employee or former employee of the system is not eligible for membership on  
2.12 the board of directors. A state employee on leave of absence is not eligible for election or  
2.13 reelection to membership on the board of directors.

2.14 (d) The term of any board member who is on leave for more than six months  
2.15 automatically ends on expiration of the term of office.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.