

A bill for an act
relating to state government; transferring oversight of the Metropolitan Council
to the legislature; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.8841.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.8841, is amended to read:

**3.8841 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON METROPOLITAN
GOVERNMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Established.** ~~The Legislative Commission on Metropolitan~~
~~Government is established to~~ legislature shall oversee the Metropolitan Council's
operating and capital budgets, work program, and capital improvement program.

~~Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commission consists of four senators appointed by the~~
~~senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, three~~
~~senators appointed by the senate minority leader, four state representatives appointed by~~
~~the speaker of the house, and three state representatives appointed by the house minority~~
~~leader. All members must reside in or represent a portion of the seven-county metropolitan~~
~~area. The appointing authorities must ensure balanced geographic representation. Each~~
~~appointing authority must make appointments as soon as possible after the opening of the~~
~~next regular session of the legislature in each odd-numbered year.~~

~~Subd. 3. **Terms; vacancies.** Members of the commission serve for a two-year term~~
~~beginning upon appointment and expiring upon appointment of a successor after the~~
~~opening of the next regular session of the legislature in the odd-numbered year. A vacancy~~
~~in the membership of the commission must be filled for the unexpired term in a manner~~
~~that will preserve the representation established by this section.~~

2.1 ~~Subd. 4. **Chair.** The commission must meet as soon as practicable after members~~
2.2 ~~are appointed in each odd-numbered year to elect its chair and other officers as it may~~
2.3 ~~determine necessary. A chair serves a two-year term, expiring in the odd-numbered year~~
2.4 ~~after a successor is elected. The chair must alternate biennially between the senate and the~~
2.5 ~~house of representatives.~~

2.6 ~~Subd. 5. **Compensation.** Members serve without compensation but may be~~
2.7 ~~reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as members of the legislature.~~

2.8 ~~Subd. 6. **Staff.** Legislative staff must provide administrative and research assistance~~
2.9 ~~to the commission.~~

2.10 ~~Subd. 7. **Meetings; procedures.** The commission meets at the call of the chair.~~
2.11 ~~If there is a quorum, the commission may take action by a simple majority vote of~~
2.12 ~~commission members present.~~

2.13 ~~Subd. 8. **Powers; duties; Metropolitan Council levy, budget oversight.** The~~
2.14 ~~commission legislature must monitor, review, and make recommendations to the~~
2.15 ~~Metropolitan Council and to the legislature for the following calendar year on:~~

2.16 (1) the tax rate and dollar amount of the Metropolitan Council's property tax levies
2.17 and any proposed increases in the rate or dollar amount of tax;

2.18 (2) any request for an increase in the debt of the Metropolitan Council;

2.19 (3) the overall work and role of the Metropolitan Council;

2.20 (4) the Metropolitan Council's proposed operating and capital budgets, work
2.21 program, and capital improvement program; and

2.22 (5) the Metropolitan Council's implementation of the operating and capital budgets,
2.23 work program, and capital improvement program.

2.24 ~~Subd. 9. **Powers; duties; Metropolitan Council appointments oversight.** The~~
2.25 ~~commission legislature must monitor appointments to the Metropolitan Council and may~~
2.26 ~~make recommendations on appointments to the nominating committee under section~~
2.27 ~~473.123, subdivision 3, or to the governor before the governor makes the appointments.~~
2.28 ~~The commission may also make recommendations to the senate before appointments are~~
2.29 ~~presented to the senate for its advice and consent.~~