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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 7

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; providing for staggered terms of Metropolitan
1.3 Council members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.123, subdivision
1.4 2a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.123, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Terms.** Following each apportionment of council districts, as provided under
1.8 subdivision 3a, council members must be appointed from newly drawn districts as provided
1.9 in subdivision 3a. ~~Each council member, other than the chair, must reside in the council~~
1.10 ~~district represented. Each council district must be represented by one member of the council.~~
1.11 The terms of members end with the term of the governor are staggered as follows: members
1.12 representing even-numbered districts have terms ending the first Monday in January of the
1.13 year ending in the numeral "7"; and members representing odd-numbered districts have
1.14 terms ending the first Monday in January of the year ending in the numeral "5." Thereafter
1.15 the term of each member is four years, with terms ending the first Monday in January, except
1.16 that all terms expire on the effective date of the next apportionment. A member serves at
1.17 the pleasure of the governor. A member shall continue to serve the member's district until
1.18 a successor is appointed and qualified; except that, following each apportionment, the
1.19 member shall continue to serve at large until the governor appoints 16 council members,
1.20 one from each of the newly drawn council districts as provided under subdivision 3a, to
1.21 serve terms as provided under this section. The appointment to the council must be made
1.22 by the first Monday in March of the year in which the term ends.

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. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS; IMMEDIATE**
2.5 **TRANSITION TO STAGGERED TERMS.**

2.6 For members serving on the Metropolitan Council on the effective date of this section,
2.7 members representing even-numbered districts shall serve terms ending the first Monday
2.8 in January 2018, and members representing odd-numbered districts shall serve terms ending
2.9 the first Monday in January 2016. Thereafter the term of each member is four years, with
2.10 terms ending the first Monday in January.

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