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Introduction and first reading  
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; modifying membership requirements for the Regent  
1.3 Candidate Advisory Council; permitting the Regent Candidate Advisory Council  
1.4 to make recommendations for unscheduled vacancies; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.5 2016, section 137.0245, subdivisions 2, 4.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 137.0245, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The Regent Candidate Advisory Council shall consist of 24 ~~20~~  
1.9 members. ~~Twelve members shall be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the~~  
1.10 ~~Committee on Rules and Administration of the senate. Twelve members shall be appointed~~  
1.11 ~~by the speaker of the house. Each appointing authority must appoint one member who is a~~  
1.12 ~~student enrolled in a degree program at the University of Minnesota at the time of~~  
1.13 ~~appointment. No more than one-third of the members appointed by each appointing authority~~  
1.14 ~~may be current or former legislators. No more than two-thirds of the members appointed~~  
1.15 ~~by each appointing authority may belong to the same political party; however, political~~  
1.16 ~~activity or affiliation is not required for the appointment of any member. The speaker of~~  
1.17 ~~the house, house minority leader, senate majority leader, and senate minority leader shall~~  
1.18 each appoint four members as follows:

1.19 (1) three members who have no prior experience as a legislator or regent; and

1.20 (2) one member serving as a legislator at the time of appointment.

1.21 The Board of Regents shall appoint one member who is serving as a regent at the time  
1.22 of appointment.

2.1        The president of the University of Minnesota shall appoint one member employed by  
2.2        or affiliated with the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota student body  
2.3        government shall appoint two members who are enrolled in a degree program at the  
2.4        University of Minnesota at the time of appointment.

2.5        Geographical representation must be taken into consideration when making appointments.  
2.6        Section 15.0575 shall govern the advisory council, except that:

2.7        (1) the members shall be appointed to six-year terms with one-third appointed each  
2.8        even-numbered year; and

2.9        (2) student members are appointed to two-year terms with two students appointed each  
2.10       even-numbered year.

2.11       A member may not serve more than two full terms.

2.12       Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 137.0245, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.13       Subd. 4. **Recommendations.** (a) The advisory council shall recommend at least two and  
2.14       not more than four candidates. By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the advisory  
2.15       council shall submit its recommendations to the joint legislative committee described in  
2.16       section 137.0246, subdivision 2.

2.17       (b) The advisory council must submit a report to the joint committee on the needs criterion  
2.18       identified under subdivision 3, paragraph (c), at the same time it submits its recommendations.

2.19       (c) If an unscheduled vacancy arises for a Board of Regents position, the advisory council  
2.20       may convene to recommend replacement candidates.