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Introduction and first reading  
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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying provisions governing the Statewide Emergency  
1.3 Communication Board; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 403.21,  
1.4 subdivision 7a; 403.36, subdivisions 1, 1c; 403.37, subdivision 12; 403.382,  
1.5 subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.21, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 7a. **Statewide Radio Emergency Communication Board.** "Statewide Radio  
1.9 Emergency Communication Board," "radio emergency communication board," or "board"  
1.10 means the ~~Statewide Radio Board established under section 403.36 and where the Statewide~~  
1.11 ~~Radio Board has affirmatively elected to become a~~ Statewide Emergency Communication  
1.12 Board as provided in section 403.382 ~~it shall mean the Statewide Emergency Communication~~  
1.13 ~~Board as~~ and is the successor to the Statewide Radio Board.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.36, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The commissioner of public safety shall convene and  
1.16 chair the Statewide ~~Radio~~ Emergency Communication Board to develop a project plan for  
1.17 a statewide, shared, trunked public safety radio communication system. The system may  
1.18 be referred to as "Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response," or "ARMER."

1.19 (b) The board consists of the following members or their designees:

1.20 (1) the commissioner of public safety;

1.21 (2) the commissioner of transportation;

1.22 (3) the state chief information officer;

- 2.1 (4) the commissioner of natural resources;
- 2.2 (5) the chief of the Minnesota State Patrol;
- 2.3 (6) the chair of the Metropolitan Council;
- 2.4 (7) the commissioner of corrections;
- 2.5 (8) a representative from the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council;
- 2.6 ~~(7)~~ (9) two elected city officials, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area
- 2.7 and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the governing body of the League of
- 2.8 Minnesota Cities;
- 2.9 ~~(8)~~ (10) two elected county officials, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan
- 2.10 area and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the governing body of the Association
- 2.11 of Minnesota Counties;
- 2.12 ~~(9)~~ (11) two sheriffs, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area and one
- 2.13 from Greater Minnesota, appointed by the governing body of the Minnesota Sheriffs'
- 2.14 Association;
- 2.15 ~~(10)~~ (12) two chiefs of police, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area
- 2.16 and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by ~~the governor after considering~~
- 2.17 ~~recommendations made by~~ the Minnesota Chiefs' of Police Association;
- 2.18 ~~(11)~~ (13) two fire chiefs, one from the ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area and
- 2.19 one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by ~~the governor after considering recommendations~~
- 2.20 ~~made by~~ the Minnesota Fire Chiefs' Association;
- 2.21 ~~(12)~~ (14) two representatives of emergency medical service providers, one from the
- 2.22 ~~nine-county~~ ten-county metropolitan area and one from Greater Minnesota, appointed by
- 2.23 ~~the governor after considering recommendations made by~~ the Minnesota Ambulance
- 2.24 Association;
- 2.25 ~~(13)~~ (15) the chair of the ~~regional radio board for the metropolitan area~~ Metropolitan
- 2.26 Emergency Services board; and
- 2.27 ~~(14)~~ (16) a representative of Greater Minnesota elected by those units of government in
- 2.28 phase three and any subsequent phase of development, as defined in the statewide, shared
- 2.29 radio and communication plan, who have submitted a plan to the Statewide ~~Radio~~ Emergency
- 2.30 Communication Board and where development has been initiated.
- 2.31 (c) The Statewide ~~Radio~~ Emergency Communication Board shall coordinate the
- 2.32 appointment of board members representing Greater Minnesota with the appointing

3.1 authorities and may designate the geographic region or regions from which an appointed  
3.2 board member is selected where necessary to provide representation from throughout the  
3.3 state.

3.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.36, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

3.5 Subd. 1c. **Voting.** Each member has one vote. The majority of the voting power of the  
3.6 board constitutes a quorum, although a smaller number may adjourn from time to time. Any  
3.7 motion, other than adjournment, must be favored by a majority of the voting power of the  
3.8 board in order to carry. In the event of a conflict between the board's bylaws and state law,  
3.9 state law shall prevail.

3.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.37, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

3.11 Subd. 12. **Allocation of money.** The board shall allocate money available to the Statewide  
3.12 Radio Emergency Communication Board among regional radio boards or to local entities  
3.13 within a region to encourage local and regional participation in the system. This does not  
3.14 limit the authority of regional radio boards and local entities to individually or collectively  
3.15 seek funding of local and regional enhancements and subsystems to the system backbone.

3.16 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 403.382, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.17 Subdivision 1. **Statewide Emergency Communication Board.** ~~(a) By an affirmative~~  
3.18 ~~vote of a majority of the members of the Statewide Radio Board, the board may elect to~~  
3.19 ~~become a Statewide Emergency Communication Board.~~

3.20 ~~(b) As a~~ The Statewide Emergency Communication Board, the board shall be is  
3.21 responsible for the statewide coordination of 911 service in addition to and existing  
3.22 responsibilities for the ARMER system provided for in sections 403.21 to 403.37.

3.23 Sec. 6. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

3.24 In Minnesota Statutes, the revisor of statutes shall substitute the term "Statewide  
3.25 Emergency Communication Board" for "Statewide Radio Board" or "radio board" wherever  
3.26 the term refers to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Statewide Radio Board,  
3.27 consistent with the changes in this act. The revisor shall also make grammatical changes  
3.28 related to the change in terms.