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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4546

03/04/2024 Authored by Sencer-Mura The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; modifying neighborhood revitalization program
1.3 board appointments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 469.1831,
1.4 subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 469.1831, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. Citizen participation required. (a) The neighborhood revitalization program
1.8 must be developed with the process outlined in this subdivision.

1.9 (b) The program must include the preparation and implementation of neighborhood
1.10 action plans. The city must organize neighborhoods to prepare and implement the
1.11 neighborhood action plans. The neighborhoods must include the participation of, whenever
1.12 possible, all populations and interests in each neighborhood including renters, homeowners,
1.13 people of color, business owners, representatives of neighborhood institutions, youth, and
1.14 the elderly. The neighborhood action plan must be submitted to the policy board established
1.15 under paragraph (c). The city must provide available resources, information, and technical
1.16 assistance to prepare the neighborhood action plans.

1.17 (c) Each city that develops a program must establish a policy board whose membership
1.18 includes ~~members~~ a member or designee of the city council, county board, school board,
1.19 and citywide library and park board where they exist appointed by the respective governing
1.20 bodies; the mayor or designee of the mayor; and a representative ~~from~~ appointed by the
1.21 city's house of representatives delegation and a representative ~~from~~ appointed by the city's
1.22 state senate delegation ~~appointed by the respective delegation.~~

2.1 (d) Only the members, designees, or representatives appointed under paragraph (c) have
 2.2 the power to appoint new members to the board. The policy board may also include
 2.3 representatives of citywide community organizations, neighborhood organizations, business
 2.4 owners, labor, and neighborhood residents. ~~The elected officials and appointed members~~
 2.5 ~~of the library board who are members of the policy board may appoint the other members~~
 2.6 ~~of the board.~~

2.7 ~~(d)~~ (e) The policy board shall review, modify where appropriate, and approve, in whole
 2.8 or in part, the neighborhood action plans and forward its recommendations for final action
 2.9 to the governing bodies represented on the policy board. The governing bodies shall review,
 2.10 modify where appropriate, and give final approval, in whole or in part, to those actions over
 2.11 which they have programmatic jurisdiction.

2.12 ~~(e)~~ (f) Except for the legislative appointees, each of the governmental units and groups
 2.13 named in paragraph (c) may, by resolution or agreement of its governing body, become a
 2.14 member of the policy board. The nongovernmental organizations and persons named in
 2.15 paragraph ~~(e)~~ (d) shall provide members of the policy board upon invitation by the
 2.16 governmental members of the policy board. The member to represent a nongovernmental
 2.17 organization shall be a member of the policy board only upon resolution or agreement of
 2.18 the governing body of the member's organization. Upon the resolution or agreement of two
 2.19 or more governmental bodies or governmental boards, the policy board shall be a joint
 2.20 powers board under section 471.59, except that no power may be exercised under section
 2.21 471.59, subdivision 11. The policy board may:

2.22 (1) sue and be sued. All defenses and limitations available to municipalities under chapter
 2.23 466 and other laws, shall apply to the policy board, its members, director, and other staff
 2.24 members;

2.25 (2) hire, retain, discipline, and terminate a director to direct its activities and accomplish
 2.26 its program. The director may hire necessary staff subject to authorization by the board;

2.27 (3) enter into contracts, leases, purchases, or other documents evidencing its undertakings.
 2.28 No contract, lease, or purchase or other document may be entered into unless funds have
 2.29 been appropriated or otherwise made available to the policy board;

2.30 (4) adopt bylaws for its own governance;

2.31 (5) enter into agreements with governmental units and governing boards, and
 2.32 nongovernmental organizations represented on the policy board for services required to
 2.33 fulfill the policy boards' purposes;

3.1 (6) accept gifts, donations, and appropriations from governmental or nongovernmental
3.2 sources and apply for grants from them;

3.3 (7) review activities to determine whether the expenditure of program money and other
3.4 money is in compliance with the neighborhood plans adopted by the policy board and
3.5 approved by the governing bodies having jurisdiction over the program, and report its
3.6 findings prior to October 1 of each year to all of the governmental units, agencies, and
3.7 nongovernmental organizations represented on the policy board; and

3.8 (8) prepare annually an administrative budget for the ensuing year, estimating its
3.9 expenditures and estimated revenues, and forward its proposed budget to the governmental
3.10 units and agencies and nongovernmental organizations for appropriate action.