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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4784**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; modifying the membership of the Commission of the
- 1.3 Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
- 1.4 256C.28, subdivision 1.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256C.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of
- 1.8 Hearing consists of seven members appointed at large and one member from each advisory
- 1.9 committee established under section 256C.24, subdivision 3. At least 50 percent of the
- 1.10 members must be deaf or deafblind or hard-of-hearing. Members shall include ~~persons who~~
- 1.11 ~~are deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing, parents at least one parent of children a child who~~
- 1.12 ~~are is deaf, deafblind, and or hard-of-hearing, and representatives of county and regional~~
- 1.13 ~~human services, including representatives of private service providers. The commissioners~~
- 1.14 ~~of education, health, human rights, and employment and economic development and the~~
- 1.15 ~~director of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services division in the Department of Human~~
- 1.16 ~~Services or their designees shall serve as ex officio members of the commission without a~~
- 1.17 ~~vote. The commission may appoint additional ex officio members from other bureaus,~~
- 1.18 ~~divisions, or sections of state departments directly concerned with the provision of services~~
- 1.19 ~~to persons who are deaf, deafblind, or hard-of-hearing. Commission members are appointed~~
- 1.20 by the governor for a four-year term and until successors are appointed and qualify.
- 1.21 Commission members shall serve no more than three consecutive terms, ~~and no more than~~
- 1.22 ~~12 years in total.~~ Annually, by January 31, the commission shall select one member as chair
- 1.23 and one member as vice-chair to serve until January 31 of the following year or until the
- 1.24 commission selects a new chair or vice-chair, whichever occurs later.