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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; amending the membership of the Minnesota Sentencing
1.3 Guidelines Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 244.09,
1.4 subdivisions 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 244.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Commission; establishment.** There is hereby established the Minnesota
1.8 Sentencing Guidelines Commission which shall be comprised of 11 voting members.

1.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.10 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 244.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.11 Subd. 2. **Members.** (a) The Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall consist of the
1.12 following voting members:

1.13 (1) the chief justice of the supreme court or a designee;

1.14 (2) one judge of the court of appeals, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

1.15 (3) one district court judge appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;

1.16 (4) one public defender appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the state
1.17 public defender;

1.18 (5) one county attorney appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the board
1.19 of directors of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

1.20 ~~(6) the commissioner of corrections or a designee;~~

2.1 ~~(7)~~ (6) one peace officer as defined in section 626.84 who is a county sheriff or deputy
2.2 sheriff appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the Minnesota Sheriff's
2.3 Association;

2.4 (7) one peace officer as defined in section 626.84 who is a member of a municipal police
2.5 department appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the Minnesota Chiefs of
2.6 Police Association;

2.7 (8) one probation officer or parole officer appointed by the governor; and

2.8 (9) three public members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a victim of
2.9 a crime defined as a felony.

2.10 (b) The commissioner of corrections or a designee shall serve as a nonvoting member
2.11 of the commission.

2.12 (c) When an appointing authority selects individuals for membership on the commission,
2.13 the authority shall make reasonable efforts to appoint qualified members of protected groups,
2.14 as defined in section 43A.02, subdivision 33.

2.15 (d) One of the members shall be designated by the governor as chair of the commission.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.