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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 4784

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.