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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 701

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Metropolitan Council; providing for staggered terms; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.123, subdivision 2a.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.123, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2a. Terms. Following each apportionment of council districts, as provided under
1.7 subdivision 3a, council members must be appointed from newly drawn districts as provided
1.8 in subdivision 3a. ~~Each council member, other than the chair, must reside in the council~~
1.9 ~~district represented. Each council district must be represented by one member of the council.~~
1.10 The terms of members end with the term of the governor are staggered as follows: members
1.11 representing an odd-numbered district have terms ending the first Monday in January of
1.12 the year ending in the numeral "1" and members representing an even-numbered district
1.13 have terms ending the first Monday in January of the year ending in the numeral "3."
1.14 Thereafter, the term of each member is four years, with terms ending the first Monday in
1.15 January, except that all terms expire on the effective date of the next apportionment. A
1.16 ~~member serves at the pleasure of the governor.~~ A member shall continue to serve the
1.17 member's district until a successor is appointed and qualified; except that, following each
1.18 apportionment, the member shall continue to serve at large until the governor appoints 16
1.19 council members, one from each of the newly drawn council districts as provided under
1.20 subdivision 3a, to serve terms as provided under this section. The appointment to the council
1.21 must be made by the first Monday in March of the year in which the term ends.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION; TRANSITION.** (a) This section is effective
2.2 for appointments made on or after January 1, 2020, and applies in the counties of Anoka,
2.3 Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

2.4 (b) Each member serving on the Metropolitan Council on the effective date of this section
2.5 shall continue to serve until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter,
2.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.123, subdivision 3a, the term of each member is
2.7 four years, with terms ending the first Monday in January.