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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to Mississippi River Parkway Commission; modifying commission member  
1.3 terms; modifying the commission expiration date; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2016, sections 161.1419, subdivisions 2, 8; 161.20, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 161.1419, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Members.** (a) The commission shall be composed of 15 members of whom:

1.8 (1) one shall be appointed by the commissioner of transportation;

1.9 (2) one shall be appointed by the commissioner of natural resources;

1.10 (3) one shall be appointed by the director of Explore Minnesota Tourism;

1.11 (4) one shall be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture;

1.12 (5) one shall be appointed by the director of the Minnesota Historical Society;

1.13 (6) two shall be members of the senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees;

1.14 (7) two shall be members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker;

1.15 (8) one shall be the secretary appointed pursuant to subdivision 3; and

1.16 (9) five shall be citizen members appointed to staggered four-year terms by five citizen  
1.17 committees established by the members appointed under clauses (1) to (8), with each citizen  
1.18 committee established within and representing each of the following geographic segments  
1.19 along the Mississippi River:

1.20 (i) Lake Itasca to but not including the city of Grand Rapids;

- 2.1 (ii) Grand Rapids to but not including the city of Brainerd;
- 2.2 (iii) Brainerd to but not including the city of Elk River;
- 2.3 (iv) Elk River to but not including the city of Hastings; and
- 2.4 (v) Hastings to the Iowa border.

2.5 Each citizen committee member shall be a resident of the geographic segment that the  
2.6 committee and member represents.

2.7 (b) The members of the commission appointed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (8), shall  
2.8 serve for a term expiring at the close of each regular session of the legislature and until their  
2.9 successors are appointed.

2.10 (c) Successor members shall be appointed by the same appointing authorities. Members  
2.11 may be reappointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. The  
2.12 commissioner of transportation, the commissioner of natural resources, and the director of  
2.13 the Minnesota Historical Society shall be ex officio members, and shall be in addition to  
2.14 the 15 members heretofore provided for. Immediately upon making the appointments to the  
2.15 commission the appointing authorities shall so notify the Mississippi River Parkway  
2.16 Commission, hereinafter called the National Commission, giving the names and addresses  
2.17 of the members so appointed.

2.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 161.1419, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.19 Subd. 8. **Expiration.** The commission expires on June 30, ~~2020~~ 2029.

2.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 161.20, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

2.21 Subd. 3. **Trunk highway fund appropriations.** The commissioner may expend trunk  
2.22 highway funds only for trunk highway purposes. Payment of expenses related to Bureau of  
2.23 Criminal Apprehension laboratory, Explore Minnesota Tourism kiosks, Minnesota Safety  
2.24 Council, driver education programs, Emergency Medical Services Board, ~~Mississippi River  
2.25 Parkway Commission~~, payments to MN.IT Services in excess of actual costs incurred for  
2.26 trunk highway purposes, and personnel costs incurred on behalf of the Governor's Office  
2.27 do not further a highway purpose and do not aid in the construction, improvement, or  
2.28 maintenance of the highway system.

2.29 Sec. 4. **MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION CITIZEN MEMBERS.**

2.30 Citizens currently appointed to the Mississippi River Parkway Commission under  
2.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 161.1419, subdivision 2, serve terms as follows:

3.1 (1) Lake Itasca to but not including the city of Grand Rapids, for a term ending December  
3.2 31, 2022;

3.3 (2) Grand Rapids to but not including the city of Brainerd, for a term ending December  
3.4 31, 2022;

3.5 (3) Brainerd to but not including the city of Elk River, for a term ending December 31,  
3.6 2022;

3.7 (4) Elk River to but not including the city of Hastings, for a term ending December 31,  
3.8 2020; and

3.9 (5) Hastings to the Iowa border, for a term ending December 31, 2020.