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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 752

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to metropolitan government; providing for staggered terms of
1.3 Metropolitan Council members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
1.4 473.123, subdivision 2a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.123, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Terms.** Following each apportionment of council districts, as provided
1.8 under subdivision 3a, council members must be appointed from newly drawn districts as
1.9 provided in subdivision 3a. ~~Each council member, other than the chair, must reside in the~~
1.10 ~~council district represented. Each council district must be represented by one member of the~~
1.11 ~~council.~~ The terms of members end with the term of the governor are staggered as follows:
1.12 members representing even-numbered districts have terms ending the first Monday in
1.13 January of the year ending in the numeral "7"; and members representing odd-numbered
1.14 districts have terms ending the first Monday in January of the year ending in the numeral
1.15 "5." Thereafter the term of each member is four years, with terms ending the first Monday
1.16 in January, except that all terms expire on the effective date of the next apportionment.
1.17 ~~A member serves at the pleasure of the governor.~~ A member shall continue to serve the
1.18 member's district until a successor is appointed and qualified; except that, following each
1.19 apportionment, the member shall continue to serve at large until the governor appoints 16
1.20 council members, one from each of the newly drawn council districts as provided under
1.21 subdivision 3a, to serve terms as provided under this section. The appointment to the
1.22 council must be made by the first Monday in March of the year in which the term ends.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.2 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.3 Scott, and Washington.

2.4 Sec. 2. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS; IMMEDIATE**
2.5 **TRANSITION TO STAGGERED TERMS.**

2.6 For members serving on the Metropolitan Council on the effective date of this
2.7 section, members representing even-numbered districts shall serve terms ending the first
2.8 Monday in January 2018, and members representing odd-numbered districts shall serve
2.9 terms ending the first Monday in January 2016. Thereafter the term of each member is
2.10 four years, with terms ending the first Monday in January.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.12 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.13 Scott, and Washington.