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Overview

The Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. A governor-appointed board of directors oversees the commission. The commission, in the form of ServeMinnesota, supports community service and volunteerism by, among other things: providing grants to eligible organizations; providing training and technical assistance to community service programs; creating partnerships to leverage investments and increase the value and impact of state and local community service efforts; and developing citizens' ability to serve others. This bill proposes to change the composition of the voting and nonvoting members of the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service and to repeal programmatic and grant provisions of the Minnesota Youth Works Act .

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1 **Membership.** (a) Declares that the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service consists of 25, instead of 12 voting members. Removes representatives of the children's cabinet and the executive director of the Higher Education Services Office as voting members of the commission.

(b) Directs the governor to appoint eight, instead of 15 additional voting members. Strikes language requiring that representatives of public or nonpublic organizations and Indian tribes be included among eight of the additional voting members appointed by the governor. Makes an individual between 16 and 25 who participates in or supervises a commission program a voting member. Requires 16 voting members appointed by the governor to include

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individuals with expertise in managing and operating a nonprofit corporation, including individuals with expertise in public relations, finance, and development. Strikes language requiring voting members appointed by the governor to include individuals with expertise in the educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, including disadvantaged youth.

(c) Directs the governor to appoint up to five ex officio nonvoting members from appropriate state agencies. Strikes language naming specific agencies and organizations as ex officio nonvoting members.

2 **Repealer.** (a) Repeals Minnesota Youth Works Act provisions in the 2002 statutes governing grant applications (Minn. Stat. § 124D.41), program provisions governing participant eligibility, terms of services, uses of post-service benefits, living allowances, and training and education requirements (Minn. Stat. § 124D.42, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7), and the priority given to eligible organizations meeting specific goals (Minn. Stat. § 124D.43).

(b) Repeals Minnesota Youth Works Act provisions in the 2003 statutory supplement governing post-service benefits and program training (Minn. Stat. § 124D.42, subdivisions 3 and 6).