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Overview

This bill makes a number of changes in laws governing operation of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) and other groups under administrative authority of the LCC.

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- 1 LCC Chair.** Under current law, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House alternate annually as chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC). This section allows the chair to designate another member of the commission (from the same chamber) to serve as LCC chair for the remainder of the year.
- 2 Acceptance of gifts and grants.** Authorizes the LCC to accept gifts and grants for purposes related to its duties. Appropriates money received to the LCC for the purposes specified in the gift or grant.
- 3 Pension commission.** In the law governing expense reimbursement for the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR): (1) refers to commission "staff" rather than to "assistants"; and (2) refers to reimbursement under LCC policies, instead of to rules governing state employees.
- 4 Pension commission.** Strikes language requiring an annual summary or statement of LCPR expenses to be made to the legislature by November 15 each even-numbered year.
- 5 Compensation council; appointment date.** Under current law, a compensation council is created to make salary recommendations for constitutional officers, legislators, judges, and

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agency heads. This section, in conjunction with the next section provides that each council will be appointed by January of the odd-numbered year, rather than by October 1 of the preceding even-numbered year.

- 6 Compensation council; membership.** Provides that the six members of the compensation council who are appointed by legislative officials must be non-legislators. Under current law, these six members are legislators.
- 7 Compensation council; recommendations.** Requires each compensation council to submit its recommendations by April 1 (instead of May 1) of each odd-numbered year.
- 8 Electric energy task force.** Provides that the chair of the LCC, rather than the full LCC, can approve a request for an assessment on public utilities. This assessment, which is authorized by current law, provides funding for the Legislative Electric Energy Task Force.
- 9 Repealer.** Repeals:
- 3.304, subd. 1: Authority for LCC to establish an office of legislative research
 - 3.304, subd. 5: LCC expenses to be split between House and Senate
 - 3.884: Legislative Commission on Minnesota-Ontario Matters