

**Subject** Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Membership

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## Overview

This bill modifies membership of the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing. The commission advocates on behalf of Minnesotans who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing by:

- advocating for equal access to services, programs, and opportunities;
- advising the governor, legislature, judicial branch, and state agencies on the development of policies, programs, and services affecting persons who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing;
- creating public awareness of the special needs and potential of persons who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing;
- working with state and federal agencies and organizations to promote economic development for persons who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing;
- researching, formulating, and presenting plans, programs, and policies that serve the needs of persons who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing.

## Summary

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1	<p><b>Membership.</b></p> <p>Amends § 256C.28, subd. 1. Modifies membership of the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing. Adds ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission. Allows the commission to appoint additional ex officio members. Modifies the limit on the number of terms a voting member of the commission may serve.</p>
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