

**Subject** Metropolitan Council, staggered terms; nomination process

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## Overview

This bill changes the terms of Metropolitan Council members to four-year, staggered terms and modifies the appointment process. Under current law Council members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Terms (Metropolitan Council).</b></p> <p>Provides for four-year, staggered terms for members of the Metropolitan Council appointed on or after January 1, 2021. Provides for council members serving at that time to remain until successors are appointed.</p>
2	<p><b>Membership; appointment; qualifications.</b></p> <p>Modifies the process for nominating candidates for appointment to the Metropolitan Council. Requires the open appointments notice to provide specific information about the position and requires the notice to be provided electronically to affected local governments and interested organizations.</p> <p>Expands the nominating committee to 13 members, including six members currently appointed by the governor, four members appointed by Metro Cities, and three members appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties.</p> <p>Directs the nominating committee to seek out and encourage qualified individuals to apply and to seek input from local governments in the district and local government associations.</p> <p>Requires three finalists to be submitted to the governor for each position. Requires the nominating committee to publish the names and qualifications of the finalists and requires the governor to wait 21 days after the publication before making the appointment. If the governor appoints someone other than one of the finalists, the governor must provide a written explanation for rejecting the finalists.</p> <p>Adds areas of expertise or knowledge, and availability to the qualifications a member must have.</p>

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	Effective retroactively for appointments made on or after January 1, 2019.



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