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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1005

- 02/09/2017 Authored by Garofalo, Scott and Newberger
- The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy
- 03/16/2017 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance
- Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
- 05/22/2017 Pursuant to Joint Rule 3.02(b), returned to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance
- 02/22/2018 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
- Read for the Second Time

A bill for an act

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 1.2 relating to agency appointments; reducing the number of deputy commissioners
 1.3 in the Departments of Commerce and Employment and Economic Development;
 1.4 allowing current deputy commissioners to serve until January 1, 2019; amending
 1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 45.013; 116J.01, subdivision 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 45.013, is amended to read:

45.013 POWER TO APPOINT STAFF.

The commissioner of commerce may appoint ~~four~~ one deputy ~~commissioners~~
commissioner, four assistant commissioners, and an assistant to the commissioner. Those
positions, as well as that of a confidential secretary, are unclassified. The commissioner
may appoint other employees necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities entrusted
to the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116J.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Departmental organization.** (a) The commissioner shall organize the
department as provided in section 15.06.

(b) The commissioner may establish divisions and offices within the department. The
commissioner may employ ~~four~~ one deputy ~~commissioners~~ commissioner in the unclassified
service.

(c) The commissioner shall:

(1) employ assistants and other officers, employees, and agents that the commissioner
considers necessary to discharge the functions of the commissioner's office;

2.1 (2) define the duties of the officers, employees, and agents, and delegate to them any of
2.2 the commissioner's powers, duties, and responsibilities, subject to the commissioner's control
2.3 and under conditions prescribed by the commissioner.

2.4 (d) The commissioner shall ensure that there are at least three employment and economic
2.5 development officers in state offices in nonmetropolitan areas of the state who will work
2.6 with local units of government on developing local employment and economic development.

2.7 Sec. 3. **EXISTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS MAY SERVE UNTIL JANUARY**
2.8 **1, 2019.**

2.9 All existing deputy commissioners under Minnesota Statutes, sections 45.013 and
2.10 116J.01, may serve until January 1, 2019. Vacancies that occur in these positions before
2.11 January 1, 2019, may not be filled.