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03/04/2024	11897	Introduction and first reading Referred to Human Services
03/13/2024	12159a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government and Veterans See SF4399

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; modifying the membership of the Commission of the

1.3 Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section

1.4 256C.28, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256C.28, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of

1.8 Hearing consists of ~~seven~~ ten members appointed at large and one member each from ~~each~~

1.9 up to five advisory committee committees established under section 256C.24, subdivision

1.10 3. At least 50 percent of the voting members must be deaf or deafblind or hard-of-hearing.

1.11 Members shall include ~~persons who are deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing, parents at~~

1.12 least one parent or guardian of children a person who are is deaf, deafblind, and or

1.13 hard-of-hearing, and representatives of county and regional human services, including

1.14 representatives of private service providers. The commissioners of education, health, human

1.15 rights, and employment and economic development and the director of the Deaf and

1.16 Hard-of-Hearing Services Division in the Department of Human Services, or their designees,

1.17 shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission. The commission may

1.18 appoint additional ex officio members from other bureaus, divisions, or sections of state

1.19 departments directly concerned with the provision of services to persons who are deaf,

1.20 deafblind, or hard-of-hearing.

1.21 (b) Commission Voting members of the commission are appointed by the governor for

1.22 a four-year term and until successors are appointed and qualify. ~~Commission~~ Voting members

2.1 of the commission shall serve no more than three consecutive full terms, ~~and no more than~~
2.2 ~~12 years in total.~~

2.3 (c) Annually, by January 31, the commission shall select one member as chair and one
2.4 member as vice-chair to serve until January 31 of the following year or until the commission
2.5 selects a new chair or vice-chair, whichever occurs later.