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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; modifying the membership of an appointment
1.3 process for the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2006, section 3.9226, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.9226, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The state Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
1.8 consists of 23 members. ~~Nineteen~~ Thirteen members are appointed by the governor ~~and,~~
1.9 three members are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and three
1.10 members are appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules
1.11 and Administration of the senate. The members must be broadly representative of the
1.12 Asian-Pacific community of the state. Each Asian-Pacific ethnic community from the area
1.13 described in subdivision 2 may be represented by no more than one council member. If an
1.14 Asian-Pacific ethnic community comprises more than five percent of the Asian-Pacific
1.15 community in the state and the ethnic community is unrepresented on the council, the
1.16 governor must appoint a member from that ethnic community. In making appointments,
1.17 the governor shall consider an appointee's proven dedication and commitment to the
1.18 Asian-Pacific community and any special skills possessed by the appointee that might
1.19 be beneficial to the council, including at a minimum experience in public policy, legal
1.20 affairs, social work, business, management, or economics. Terms, compensation, and
1.21 filling of vacancies for appointed members are as provided in section 15.0575. Because
1.22 the council performs functions that are not purely advisory, the council is not subject
1.23 to the expiration date in section 15.059. Two members of the house of representatives
1.24 appointed under the rules of the house of representatives and two members of the senate

2.1 appointed under the rules of the senate shall serve as nonvoting members of the council.
2.2 In making legislative appointments, the speaker of the house of representatives and the
2.3 Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
2.4 senate shall consult with the council in an effort to select appointees knowledgeable and
2.5 interested in the affairs of the Asian-Pacific community. The council shall annually elect
2.6 from its membership a chair and other officers it deems necessary. The council shall
2.7 encourage Asian-Pacific ethnic communities and organizations to designate persons to
2.8 serve as liaisons with the council. Liaisons may participate in council meetings, but may
2.9 not vote, and may serve on council committees.

2.10 The council shall adopt rules to implement designation of Asian-Pacific ethnic
2.11 communities to be represented with seats on the council.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
2.13 Members of the council on the effective date of this section may serve the remainder of
2.14 their terms. The new legislative appointments required by this section shall be made
2.15 as soon as each of the first six appointments become available after the effective date
2.16 of this section, and shall alternate between the appointing authorities for the house of
2.17 representatives and the senate.