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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to waters; modifying membership of the Board of Water and Soil  
1.3 Resources; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103B.101, subdivisions  
1.4 1, 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103B.101, subdivision 1, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources is composed  
1.9 of ~~12~~ 15 members knowledgeable of water and soil problems and conditions within the  
1.10 state and five ex officio members.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103B.101, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 2. **Voting members.** (a) The members are:

1.13 (1) three county commissioners;

1.14 (2) three soil and water conservation district supervisors;

1.15 (3) three watershed district or watershed management organization representatives;

1.16 (4) three citizens who are not employed by, or the appointed or elected officials of,  
1.17 a governmental office, board, or agency;

1.18 (5) one township officer;

1.19 (6) two city officials;

1.20 ~~(5)~~ (7) the commissioner of agriculture;

1.21 ~~(6)~~ (8) the commissioner of health;

1.22 ~~(7)~~ (9) the commissioner of natural resources;

1.23 ~~(8)~~ (10) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency; and

2.1 ~~(9)~~ (11) the director of the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

2.2 (b) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(4)~~ (6), must be distributed across the  
2.3 state with at least three members but not more than five members from the metropolitan  
2.4 area, as defined by section 473.121, subdivision 2; and one from each of the current soil  
2.5 and water conservation administrative regions.

2.6 (c) Members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(4)~~ (6), are appointed by the governor.  
2.7 In making the appointments, the governor may consider persons recommended by  
2.8 the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the  
2.9 League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation  
2.10 Districts, and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. The list submitted by an  
2.11 association must contain at least three nominees for each position to be filled.

2.12 (d) The membership terms, compensation, removal of members and filling of  
2.13 vacancies on the board for members in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to ~~(4)~~ (6), are as provided  
2.14 in section 15.0575.