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The bill was read for the first time and Interim introduction, referred to Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs
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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections
March 17, 2008
Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass as Amended
Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to the Metropolitan Council; providing for staggered terms of
1.3 Metropolitan Council members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 473.123, subdivision 2a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 473.123, subdivision 2a, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 2a. **Terms.** Following each apportionment of council districts, as provided
1.9 under subdivision 3a, council members must be appointed from newly drawn districts as
1.10 provided in subdivision 3a. Each council member, other than the chair, must reside in the
1.11 council district represented. Each council district must be represented by one member
1.12 of the council. ~~The terms of members end with the term of the governor~~ Members
1.13 serve four-year terms, except that all terms expire on the effective date of the next
1.14 apportionment. Half of the initial appointments following each apportionment are for
1.15 two-year terms, with the members from odd-numbered districts serving initial terms of two
1.16 years and the members from even-numbered districts serving initial terms of four years in
1.17 odd-numbered decades. In even-numbered decades, the members from even-numbered
1.18 districts serve initial terms of two years and the members from odd-numbered districts
1.19 serve initial terms of four years. A member may only be removed for cause. A
1.20 ~~member serves at the pleasure of the governor.~~ A member shall continue to serve the
1.21 member's district until a successor is appointed and qualified; except that, following each
1.22 apportionment, the member shall continue to serve at large until the governor appoints 16
1.23 council members, one from each of the newly drawn council districts as provided under

2.1 subdivision 3a, to serve terms as provided under this section. The appointment to the
2.2 council must be made by the first Monday in March of the year in which the term ends.

2.3 **Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

2.4 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to the terms
2.5 of council members on and after the effective date of the next reapportionment of
2.6 council districts in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott,
2.7 and Washington.