

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: Ferrioli

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that person holding appointive office in state government serves at pleasure of appointive power making appointment. Clarifies that person may be removed from appointment to board or commission by appointing authority, unless different standard for removal is specified by law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Different standards for removal
- Application of provisions to board or commission appointments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Most major state agencies and departments are headed by policy-making boards and commissions. The Governor is responsible for recommending the appointment of public members to the approximately 250 boards and commissions established by statute. In addition, many of these public bodies require the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint members from their respective legislative bodies. There is lack of statutory clarity and consistency, however, regarding whether the appointing authority has the power to remove an individual whom they appointed.

House Bill 2215A clarifies that a person holding appointive office serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and is subject to removal by the appointing authority, unless a different standard for removal is specified by law.