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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends terms of office of members of Commission for Blind. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendment: Requires at least 4 members who are qualified persons within legal definition of persons who are blind. Limits Commission members to 2 consecutive terms. Permits members, on Commission prior to passage measure, to serve more than 2 consecutive, but not more than 10 consecutive years.

**BACKGROUND:** The current composition of the Commission for the Blind is seven members with four members who are qualified persons within the legal definition of persons who are blind and three members appointed from among the areas of employers, labor, optometry, ophthalmology and education of persons who are blind. Appointees to the Commission are limited to serving three consecutive terms of one year or more in length.

Senate Bill 6 changes the length of the term for Commission members to four years and specifies that a person who serves at least two years of a four year term will be considered to have served a full term.