

106.21 Sec. 32. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL CHARTER COMMISSION.**

106.22 Subdivision 1. **Appointments.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the
106.23 chief judge of Ramsey County shall appoint 11 individuals from the counties under the
106.24 jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Council who have expertise in regional governance and the
106.25 law to serve as members of the charter commission.

106.26 Subd. 2. **Terms.** Members of the charter commission shall hold office until February
106.27 15, 2024. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. Appointments shall be made
106.28 by filing with the Metropolitan Council. An appointee shall file acceptance of the appointment
106.29 with the Metropolitan Council within ten days or be considered to have declined the
106.30 appointment.

107.1 Subd. 3. **Chair; rules.** The charter commission shall meet within 30 days after the initial
107.2 appointment, elect a chair, and establish rules, including quorum requirements, for its
107.3 operation and procedures.

107.4 Subd. 4. **Expenses and administration.** The members of the charter commission shall
107.5 receive no compensation except reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in the course
107.6 of their duties. The Metropolitan Council shall make an appropriation to the charter
107.7 commission to be used to employ research and clerical assistance, for supplies, and to meet
107.8 expenses considered necessary by the charter commission. The charter commission shall
107.9 have the right to request and receive assistance from the Metropolitan Council staff.

107.10 Subd. 5. **Powers and duties.** The charter commission shall frame a proposed charter to
107.11 provide for the governance structure of the Metropolitan Council. In framing the proposed
107.12 charter, the charter commission may consult with external experts and scholars. The charter
107.13 commission shall review and analyze the existing powers, authorities, and responsibilities
107.14 of the Metropolitan Council, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, determine that
107.15 the proposed charter provisions include modifications to existing authority and governance,
107.16 including the requirement that the Metropolitan Council members be elected. The charter
107.17 commission shall determine when and the process by which the proposed charter is submitted
107.18 to the voters affected by the charter.

107.19 Subd. 6. **Report.** The charter commission shall provide a report to the chairs and ranking
107.20 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over Metropolitan Council
107.21 governance by February 15, 2024. The report shall contain the proposed charter, the process
107.22 and timing of submitting the proposed charter to the voters, and necessary amendments to
107.23 state law to effectuate the proposed charter.