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SENATE BILL 00-113

STATE OF COLORADO

BY SENATOR Andrews;  
also REPRESENTATIVE Mitchell.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION  
102 BOARD.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Increases the number of members of the Colorado water conservation board to include one member from each of the congressional districts.

Increases the number of appointees to the Colorado water conservation board that can be members of the same political party from 5 to 8.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 37-60-104 (1), (2), (3), and (4), Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, are amended to read:

4 **37-60-104. Personnel.** (1) The board shall consist of ~~fifteen~~ **FIFTEEN** THE  
5 FOLLOWING members. The executive director of the department of  
6 natural resources shall be a voting member ex officio. The attorney  
7 general, state engineer, director of the division of wildlife, commissioner  
8 of agriculture or designee, and director of said board shall be nonvoting  
9 members ex officio. The ~~nine~~ remaining members shall be qualified

1 electors of the state, well versed in water matters, and shall be appointed  
2 by the governor, with the consent of the senate, for terms of three years;  
3 except that no appointment shall be made that does not conform to the  
4 requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section. The appointments  
5 shall be made in such a manner that the terms of three members shall  
6 expire on February 12 of each year. In case a vacancy occurs in the  
7 appointed membership of the board by death or resignation, the governor  
8 shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term of any member of  
9 the board within thirty days after the creation of such vacancy.

10 (2) The appointed members of said board shall be chosen  
11 geographically as follows: ONE FROM EACH OF THE CONGRESSIONAL  
12 DISTRICTS, AND four from the western slope, and five from the eastern  
13 slope; but, of the five members to be appointed from the eastern slope,  
14 one shall be from the Rio Grande drainage basin, one from the North  
15 Platte drainage basin, one from the Arkansas drainage basin, one from the  
16 South Platte drainage basin outside of the city and county of Denver, and  
17 one from the city and county of Denver and intimately familiar with its  
18 water problems; and that of the four members to be appointed from the  
19 western slope, one shall be from the Yampa-White drainage basin, one  
20 from the main Colorado drainage basin, one from the  
21 Gunnison-Uncompahgre drainage basin, and one from the San  
22 Miguel-Dolores-San Juan drainage basins. Before entering upon the  
23 discharge of his OR HER duties, each appointed member shall make,  
24 subscribe, and file with the secretary of state the oath prescribed by the  
25 constitution.

26 (3) To the extent possible, appointments to the board shall include

1 persons representing the following areas of experience and expertise:  
2 Water resource management; water project financing; engineering,  
3 planning, and development of water projects; water law; MUNICIPAL,  
4 RESIDENTIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER NEEDS; ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES;  
5 and irrigated farming or ranching. Members of the board shall be  
6 residents of the geographic area they represent.

7 (4) No more than ~~five~~ EIGHT appointees to the board shall be  
8 members of the same political party.

9 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01  
10 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after  
11 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting  
12 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state  
13 constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act  
14 or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,  
15 item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the  
16 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the  
17 governor.