



HB 09- 1159

ABILITY OF A NONRESIDENT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GROUND WATER DISTRICTS.

HOUSE SPONSOR- REPRESENTATIVE PRIOLA

SENATE SPONSOR- SENATOR ISGAR

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources scheduled to hear the bill on Wednesday February 4, 2009 at 1:30pm.

Purpose:

- House Bill 1159 allows resident agriculturists who own land in a water district to serve on local ground water district board. To be eligible to serve on the board, the property owner would be required to reside within the boundary of the applicable ground water basin and owned agricultural property in the districts division.
- This bill maintains requirements to protect the boards from outside influences. It is narrowly written to expand eligibility only to those who have an agricultural interest in the ground water district, while still maintaining their residency in the water basin.

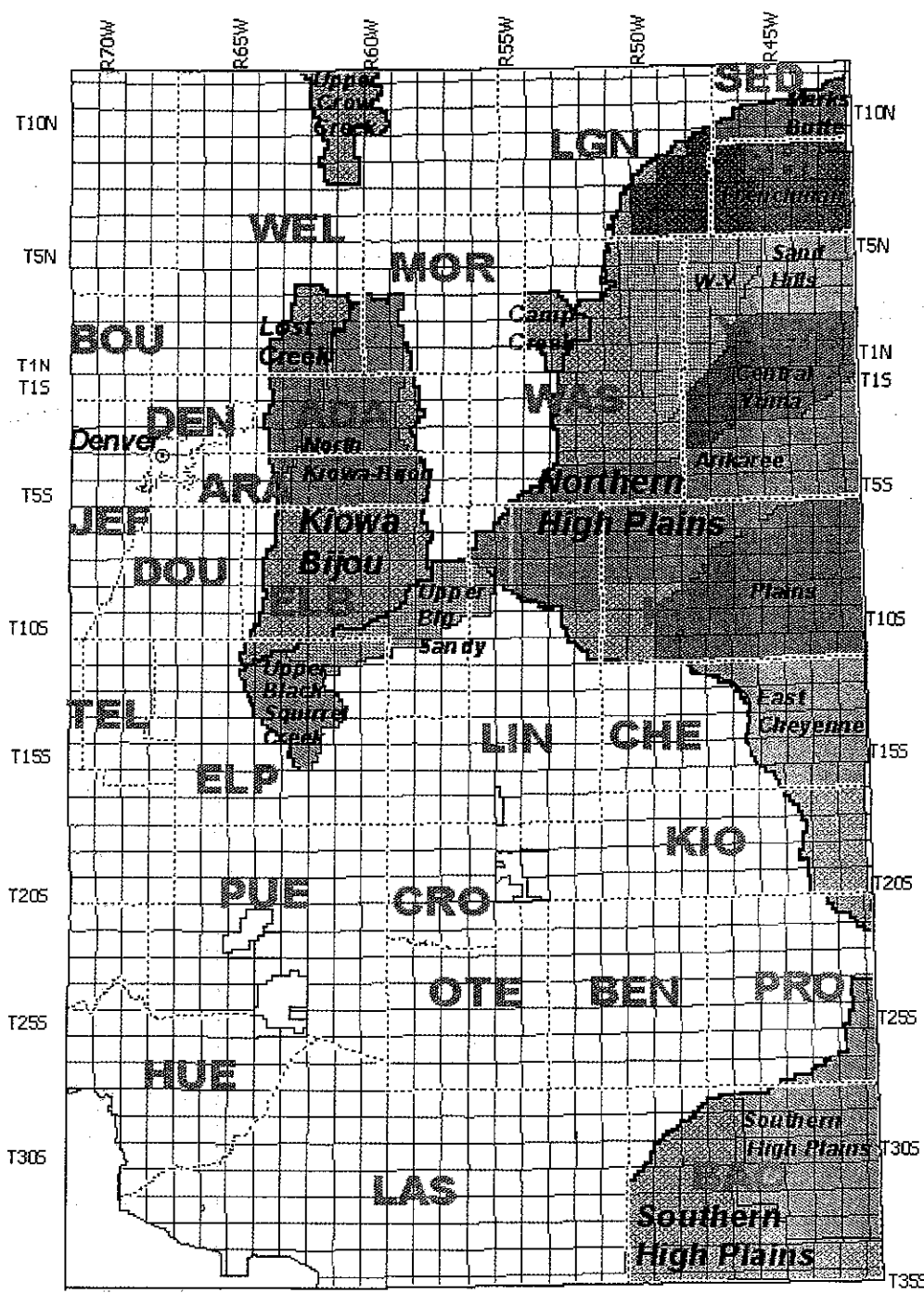
Fiscal Impact:

- **No fiscal impact.**

Supporters:

- Sand Hills Ground Water District
- Mark's Butte Ground Water District
- Central Yuma Ground Water District
- Frenchman Ground Water District
- W.Y. Ground Water District
- Plains Ground Water District

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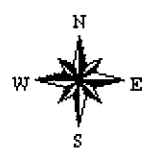
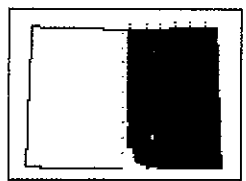


Designated Ground Water Basins and Ground Water Management Districts



- ⬜ County Boundary
- ⬜ Township/Range
- ▨ Designated Basins
- ⊙ Capital

- Management Districts within the Designated Basins
- ▨ Arikaree
 - ▨ Central Yuma
 - ▨ East Cheyenne
 - ▨ Frenchman
 - ▨ Lost Creek
 - ▨ Marks Butte
 - ▨ North Kiowa Bijou
 - ▨ Plains
 - ▨ Sand Hills
 - ▨ Southern High Plains
 - ▨ Upper Big Sandy
 - ▨ Upper Black Squirrel Creek
 - ▨ W-Y



37-90-103. Definitions - repeal. As used in this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

(14) "Resident agriculturist" means a bona fide farmer or rancher residing in the designated ground water basin whose major source of income is derived from the production and sale of agricultural products.

(18) "Taxpaying elector" means a person qualified to vote at general elections in Colorado, who owns real or personal property within the district and has paid ad valorem taxes thereon in the twenty months immediately preceding a designated time or event, which property is subject to taxation at the time of any election held under the provisions of this article or at any other time in reference to which the term "taxpaying elector" is used. A person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase real property in the district shall be considered an owner. The ownership of any property subject to the payment of a specific ownership tax on a motor vehicle or trailer or of any other excise or property tax other than general ad valorem property taxes shall not constitute the ownership of property subject to taxation as provided in this article.