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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 11-0711.01 Kate Meyer

**HOUSE BILL 11-1223**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS**  
102              **CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**  
103              **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

House Bill 07-1341 altered the composition of the Colorado oil and gas conservation commission (commission) by:

- !      Increasing the size of the commission from 7 to 9 members (adding the executive directors of the departments of public

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

health and environment and natural resources as ex officio voting members);

! Reducing from 5 to 3 the number of members with substantial experience in the oil and gas industry; and

! Including a representative of local government.

The bill restores the commission to its pre-House Bill 07-1341 composition, and specifies the type of experience required for certain industry members.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 34-60-104 (2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **34-60-104. Oil and gas conservation commission - report -**  
5 **publication.** (2) (a) (I) Effective July 1, 2007 2011, the commission  
6 ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of ~~nine~~ ELEVEN members, ~~seven~~ NINE of whom  
7 ~~shall be~~ ARE appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and  
8 two of whom, the executive director of the department of natural  
9 resources and the executive director of the department of public health  
10 and environment, ~~shall be~~ ARE ex officio ~~voting~~ NONVOTING members.

11 ~~At least two~~ THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE NINE VOTING MEMBERS  
12 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

13 (A) **Geographical representation.** AT LEAST THREE members  
14 shall be appointed from west of the continental divide, ONE MEMBER  
15 FROM THE EASTERN SLOPE, and, to the extent possible, consistent with this  
16 paragraph (a), the other members shall be appointed taking into account  
17 the need for geographical representation of other areas of the state with  
18 high levels of oil and gas activity or employment. THE MEMBER  
19 APPOINTED FROM THE EASTERN SLOPE AND AT LEAST ONE MEMBER  
20 APPOINTED FROM WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE MUST BE MEMBERS  
21 WITH SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.

1           **(B) Particular qualifications.** ~~Three~~ FIVE members shall be  
2 individuals with MUST HAVE substantial experience in the oil and gas  
3 industry, and at least two of ~~said three~~ THOSE FIVE members shall MUST  
4 have a college degree in petroleum geology or petroleum engineering;  
5 one member shall be a local government official; one member shall have  
6 formal training or substantial experience in environmental or wildlife  
7 protection; one member shall have formal training or substantial  
8 experience in soil conservation or reclamation; and one member shall be  
9 actively engaged in agricultural production and also be a royalty owner.

10           **(C) Political party affiliation.** Excluding the executive directors  
11 from consideration, no more than ~~four~~ FIVE members of the commission  
12 shall be members of the same political party.

13           **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
14 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the oil  
15 and gas conservation and environmental response fund created in section  
16 34-60-122, Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the  
17 department of natural resources, for allocation to the oil and gas  
18 conservation commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the  
19 sum of one thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,182), or so much  
20 thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

21           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.