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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS THAT ARE ORGANIZED FOR**  
102 **THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING FLOODS.**

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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>.)*

Conservancy districts may be formed by a local election to reduce flood risk, conserve or develop water resources, or participate in the development of parks or recreational facilities. **Section 1** of the bill clarifies that when a director no longer resides within a conservancy district, a vacancy is created on the district's board of directors.

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.*

The remainder of the bill applies only to the Pueblo conservancy district. **Section 1** increases the board of directors from 3 to 7 directors, makes the existing 3 directors at-large representatives, and specifies that the 4 new directors represent, respectively, the Colorado city metropolitan district (whose initial term is 2 years), the city of Pueblo (whose initial term is 3 years), the Pueblo West metropolitan district (whose initial term is 4 years), and those portions of Pueblo county not already represented (who serves a full 5-year term). All new vacancies must be filled by election rather than appointment by a district court judge.

**Section 2** specifies that the Pueblo conservancy district may spend district revenues, including from its construction and maintenance funds, for the following purposes, in the following order of priority:

- ! First, for the maintenance, repair, replacement, or improvement of the district's existing flood control levees;
- ! Second, for flood mitigation projects located in whole or part within the district, whether capital or otherwise, in the affected watershed upstream of the district's existing flood control levees; and
- ! Third, for flood mitigation projects located in whole or part within the district, whether capital or otherwise, in the affected watershed downstream of the district's existing flood control levees.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 37-3-101 as  
3 follows:

4 **37-3-101. Appointment or election of directors.** (1) (a) EXCEPT  
5 AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION:

6 (I) Within thirty days after entering the decree incorporating ~~said~~  
7 THE district, the court shall appoint as a board of directors of the district  
8 three persons who are residents of the county or counties in which the  
9 conservancy district is situated, at least two of whom shall own real  
10 property in ~~said~~ THE district, one for a term of two years, one for a term  
11 of three years, and one for a term of five years. WHEN A DIRECTOR NO  
12 LONGER RESIDES WITHIN THE DISTRICT OR NO LONGER OWNS PROPERTY  
13 WITHIN THE DISTRICT, A VACANCY IS CREATED ON THE DISTRICT'S BOARD

1 OF DIRECTORS.

2 (II) At the expiration of ~~their~~ THE DIRECTORS' respective terms of  
3 office, ~~appointments shall be made by said~~ THE court SHALL MAKE  
4 APPOINTMENTS for terms of five years.

5 (III) The court shall fill all vacancies ~~which may~~ THAT occur on  
6 the ~~said~~ board.

7 (IV) Each director shall hold office during the term for which he  
8 OR SHE is appointed and until his OR HER successor is duly appointed and  
9 has qualified and shall furnish a corporate surety bond, at the expense of  
10 the district, in an amount and form fixed and approved by the court,  
11 conditioned upon the faithful performance of his OR HER duties as  
12 director.

13 (b) All special and regular meetings of the board shall be held at  
14 locations ~~which~~ THAT are within the boundaries of the district or ~~which~~  
15 THAT are within the boundaries of any county in which the district is  
16 located, in whole or in part, or in any county so long as the meeting  
17 location does not exceed twenty miles from the district boundaries. The  
18 provisions of this section governing the location of meetings may be  
19 waived only if the proposed change of location of a meeting of the board  
20 appears on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the board and if  
21 a resolution is adopted by the board stating the reason for which a  
22 meeting of the board is to be held in a location other than under the  
23 provisions of this section and further stating the date, time, and place of  
24 ~~such~~ THE meeting.

25 (2) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2),  
26 WITH REGARD ONLY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUEBLO  
27 CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:

1 (a) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF NINE DIRECTORS, AS FOLLOWS:

2 (I) THE DIRECTORS WHO HELD OFFICE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
3 THIS SUBSECTION (2), REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) AS THE  
4 HOLDOVER DIRECTORS, AND DIRECTORS WHO FILL THE VACANCIES OF THE  
5 HOLDOVER DIRECTORS, SHALL, ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
6 THIS SUBSECTION (2), REPRESENT THE CITY OF PUEBLO. THE GOVERNING  
7 BODY OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO SHALL APPOINT DIRECTORS FOR VACANCIES  
8 CREATED BY EXPIRATION OF THE TERMS OF THE HOLDOVER DIRECTORS.  
9 EACH DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) MUST  
10 BE A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO.

11 (II) THE SIX NEW DIRECTORS ARE APPOINTED AND REPRESENT  
12 AREAS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

13 (A) ONE OF THE NEW DIRECTORS REPRESENTS, MUST BE A  
14 RESIDENT OF, AND SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
15 CITY OF PUEBLO, WHOSE INITIAL TERM IS THREE YEARS.

16 (B) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUEBLO COUNTY  
17 SHALL APPOINT FOUR OF THE NEW DIRECTORS. THREE OF THE DIRECTORS  
18 APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B) REPRESENT AND  
19 MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THOSE PORTIONS OF PUEBLO COUNTY NOT  
20 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF PUEBLO OR THE PUEBLO WEST  
21 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WHOSE INITIAL TERMS ARE FOUR YEARS. ONE  
22 DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B)  
23 REPRESENTS, MUST BE A RESIDENT OF, AND BE A MEMBER OR DESIGNEE OF  
24 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT,  
25 WHOSE INITIAL TERM IS FOUR YEARS.

26 (C) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUEBLO COUNTY  
27 AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PUEBLO SHALL JOINTLY

1 APPOINT ONE NEW AT-LARGE DIRECTOR, WHOSE INITIAL TERM IS FIVE  
2 YEARS.

3 (b) DIRECTORS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE RESPECTIVE  
4 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES. THE RESPECTIVE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES  
5 SHALL FILL VACANCIES ON THE BOARD, WHETHER BY EXPIRATION OF A  
6 TERM OF OFFICE, INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS, OR OTHERWISE.

7 (c) THE BOARD SHALL COMPLY WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW,  
8 SECTION 24-6-402, C.R.S., WITH REGARD TO ALL OFFICIAL BOARD  
9 ACTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO ALL PROPOSED INCREASES IN  
10 FEES ASSESSED BY THE BOARD.

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12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
15 general assembly (August 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7,  
16 2014); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
20 to be held in November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable  
23 effective date of this act.