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SENATE BILL 01-126

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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(None)

Senate Committees

Agriculture and Natural Resources

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REPRESENTATION ON THE COLORADO WATER**
102 **CONSERVATION BOARD.**

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 on the Colorado water conservation board to include one member from each of the congressional districts. Deletes the Denver representative. Increases the number of appointees to the Colorado water conservation board who can be members of the same political party from 5 to 8.

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.

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

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

4 **37-60-104. Personnel.** (1) The board shall consist of ~~fifteen~~
5 TWENTY-ONE 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~~ FIFTEEN remaining members shall be
10 qualified electors of the state, well versed in water matters, and shall be
11 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, for terms of
12 three years; except that no appointment shall be made that does not
13 conform to the requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section.
14 The appointments shall be made in such a manner that the terms of three
15 members shall expire on February 12 of each year. In case a vacancy
16 occurs in the appointed membership of the board by death or resignation,
17 the governor shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term of any
18 member of the board within thirty days after the creation of such vacancy.

19 (2) The appointed members of said board shall be chosen
20 geographically as follows: ONE FROM EACH OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
21 DISTRICTS PLUS four from the western slope and ~~five~~ FOUR from the
22 eastern slope; but, of the ~~five~~ FOUR members to be appointed from the
23 eastern slope, one shall be from the Rio Grande drainage basin, one from
24 the North Platte drainage basin, one from the Arkansas drainage basin,
25 AND one from the South Platte drainage basin; ~~outside of the city and~~
26 ~~county of Denver, and one from the city and county of Denver and~~
27 ~~intimately familiar with its water problems; and that of the four members~~

1 to be appointed from the western slope, one shall be from the
2 Yampa-White drainage basin, one from the main Colorado drainage basin,
3 one from the Gunnison-Uncompahgre drainage basin, and one from the
4 San Miguel-Dolores-San Juan drainage basins. Before entering upon the
5 discharge of his OR HER duties, each appointed member shall make,
6 subscribe, and file with the secretary of state the oath prescribed by the
7 constitution.

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

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