

CHAPTER 180

NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE BILL 00-016

BY SENATORS Dennis, Dyer, Hernandez, and Perlmutter;
also REPRESENTATIVES Larson, Alexander, Smith, and Stengel.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

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

34-60-104. Oil and gas conservation commission - report - publication.

(2) (a) Effective July 1, 1994, the commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate. ~~At least one member~~ TWO MEMBERS shall be appointed from ~~each congressional district in the state; except that one member shall be from~~ west of the continental divide, AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, CONSISTENT WITH THIS PARAGRAPH (a), THE OTHER MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE WITH HIGH LEVELS OF OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY OR EMPLOYMENT. Two members shall not be employed by the oil and gas industry and shall be individuals with formal training or substantial experience in agriculture, land reclamation, environmental protection, or soil conservation. Five members shall be individuals with substantial experience in the oil and gas industry, and at least two of said five members shall have a college degree in petroleum geology or petroleum engineering. No more than four members of the commission shall be members of the same political party. ~~A vacancy on the commission occurs whenever any member moves out of the congressional district from which such member was appointed. Any member who moves out of such congressional district shall promptly notify the governor of the date of such move, but such notice is not a condition precedent to the occurrence of the vacancy. The governor shall fill the vacancy as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2). In case one or more vacancies occur on the same day, the governor shall designate the order of filling vacancies.~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(b) ~~Appointments made to the commission to take effect on January 1, 1983, shall be made in accordance with section 24-1-135, C.R.S., and appointments made thereafter and prior to June 15, 1987, shall be for terms of five years. Persons holding office on June 15, 1987, are subject to the provisions of section 24-1-137, C.R.S. Thereafter, Members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of four years each. The governor may at any time remove any member of the commission, and by appointment he~~ THE GOVERNOR shall fill any vacancy on the commission. IN CASE ONE OR MORE VACANCIES OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE ORDER OF FILLING VACANCIES. The members of the commission shall ~~serve without compensation except~~ RECEIVE A PER DIEM ALLOWANCE OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH DAY SPENT IN ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS OR HEARINGS AND SHALL BE REIMBURSED for their actual expenses.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the oil and gas conservation fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of natural resources, for allocation to the oil and gas conservation commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the sum of sixteen thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars (\$16,492), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 23, 2000