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SENATE BILL 26-154

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A MODIFICATION TO APPOINTMENTS TO THE COLORADO
102 CHANNEL AUTHORITY BOARD.

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law requires 4 members of the Colorado channel authority board to be members of the general assembly. The members of the general assembly include a representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, a representative appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, a senator appointed by the president of the senate, and a senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The

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bill repeals the requirement that these appointees must be members of the general assembly.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-49.9-101, **amend**
3 (3)(b)(III), (3)(b)(IV), (3)(b)(V), (3)(b)(VI), (3)(c)(II), and (3)(c)(III)(A)
4 as follows:

5 **24-49.9-101. Colorado channel authority - creation - legislative**
6 **declaration.**

7 (3) (b) The board consists of the following nine members:

8 (III) One member ~~serving in the house of representatives,~~
9 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

10 (IV) One member ~~serving in the house of representatives,~~
11 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

12 (V) One member ~~serving in the senate,~~ appointed by the president
13 of the senate;

14 (VI) One member ~~serving in the senate,~~ appointed by the minority
15 leader of the senate; and

16 (c) (II) Members of the board ~~appointed under subsection~~
17 ~~(3)(b)(III), (3)(b)(IV), (3)(b)(V), or (3)(b)(VI) of this section serve for~~
18 ~~terms of four years so long as they also serve as members of the house of~~
19 ~~the general assembly from which they are appointed. Other members of~~
20 ~~the board~~ serve for terms of four years; except that the terms shall be
21 staggered so that no more than three members' terms expire in the same
22 year.

23 (III) (A) A vacancy in the members of the board appointed under
24 ~~subparagraph (III), (IV), (V), or (VI) of paragraph (b) of this subsection~~
25 ~~(3) SUBSECTION (3)(b)(III), (3)(b)(IV), (3)(b)(V), OR (3)(b)(VI) OF THIS~~

1 SECTION shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment,
2 but for the remainder of the unexpired term only. ~~except that these~~
3 ~~members must at all times consist of a member from each major political~~
4 ~~party in each house of the general assembly and be appointed by the~~
5 ~~appropriate appointing authority under subparagraph (III), (IV), (V), or~~
6 ~~(VI) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (3), as appropriate, to ensure that~~
7 ~~a member from each major political party in each house is a member of~~
8 ~~the board.~~

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.