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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, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103                    **REDUCING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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://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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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senate, and a senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The bill repeals the requirement that these appointees must be members of the general assembly.

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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

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

10           **SECTION 2. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

11     (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this  
12     act, the general fund appropriation made in House Bill 26-1333 for the  
13     2026-27 state fiscal year to the legislative department for use by the  
14     general assembly is decreased by \$1,446.

15           (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of  
16     an appropriation in House Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year  
17     if:

18           (a) The amount of the general fund appropriation made in House  
19     Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year for the general assembly is  
20     less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this  
21     section; or

22           (b) House Bill 26-1333 for the 2026-27 state fiscal year does not  
23     include an appropriation to the legislative department for use by the  
24     general assembly.

25           **SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
26     except that section 2 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 26-1333 for  
27     the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which case section 2 takes

1 effect upon the effective date of this act or of House Bill 26-1333,  
2 whichever is later.

3 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
6 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
7 institutions.