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STATE OF COLORADO

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SENATE BILL 26-154

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Simpson and Mullica,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McCluskie and Caldwell,

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
Appropriations

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs
Appropriations

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.

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

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May 7, 2026

SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 29, 2026

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 28, 2026

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.

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.