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HOUSE BILL 21-1212

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Soper and Esgar, Bacon, Benavidez, Bernett, Bird, Caraveo, Catlin, Cutter, Exum, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Hooton, Jodeh, Kipp, Lontine, McCluskie, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Ortiz, Roberts, Sirota, Tipper, Titone, Valdez A., Valdez D., Weissman, Woodrow, Young, Garnett;
also SENATOR(S) Coram and Fields, Buckner, Danielson, Ginal, Gonzales, Jaquez Lewis, Lee, Moreno, Pettersen, Rankin, Simpson, Smallwood, Story, Winter, Zenzinger, Garcia.

CONCERNING THE DIVERSITY OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO
BOARDS AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-20-115 as follows:

24-20-115. Appointments by the governor - diversity - definition.

(1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS ANY STATEWIDE BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR TASK FORCE AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALL OF ITS MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(2) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO OR FILLING VACANCIES OF ANY BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS, TO THE EXTENT AN APPLICATION FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP IS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR, TO CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS THAT, ALONG WITH MEETING THE BOARD'S SPECIFIED MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE ENTIRE STATE, INCLUDING MEMBERS FROM BOTH RURAL AND URBAN PARTS OF THE STATE, AND MEMBERS OF DIVERSE POLITICAL, RACIAL, DISABILITY, AND CULTURAL GROUPS AND OF DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS AND GENDERS.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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APPROVED _____
(Date and Time)

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