

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-third General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
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LLS NO. 21-0570.01 Sarah Lozano x3858

**HOUSE BILL 21-1212**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Soper,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE DIVERSITY OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE**  
102              **GOVERNOR TO BOARDS AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL**  
103              **ASSEMBLY.**

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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>.)*

The bill requires the governor to appoint members of diverse groups to statewide boards, commissions, committees, and task forces authorized by the general assembly.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

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

4 **24-20-115. Appointments by the governor - diversity -**  
5 **definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS ANY  
6 STATEWIDE BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR TASK FORCE  
7 AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALL OF ITS MEMBERS  
8 ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

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

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