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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS  
102 REPRESENTED IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
103 COMMISSION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCREASING  
104 THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS AND ESTABLISHING  
105 GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS FROM WHICH CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS  
106 ARE APPOINTED.

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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 increases the membership of the public utilities

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

commission from 3 to 5, with 2 of the commissioners representing the state at large and 3 representing one district each. The 3 districts are defined to include named counties, with one consisting of the Denver metro area, one of the western region of the state, and one of the eastern region of the state.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-2-101, **amend**  
3 (1)(b) and (2); and **add** (1)(c) and (1)(d) as follows:

4           **40-2-101. Creation - appointment - term - subject to**  
5 **termination - repeal of part - repeal.** (1) (b) The ~~public-utilities~~  
6 commission consists of three members appointed by the governor with the  
7 consent of the senate. ~~Persons~~ MEMBERS holding office on July 1, 1993,  
8 shall continue to serve in such office, but the term of one of these ~~persons~~  
9 ~~shall expire~~ MEMBERS EXPIRES on the Monday preceding the second  
10 Tuesday of January 1995, of another, the Monday preceding the second  
11 Tuesday of January 1996, and of the third, the Monday preceding the  
12 second Tuesday of January 1997, all as the governor shall designate;  
13 except that such designation ~~shall~~ MUST not result in the extension of the  
14 term of any member to more than four years' duration. ~~Thereafter,~~  
15 SUBSEQUENT appointments shall be made for terms of four years. THIS  
16 SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

17           (c) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF  
18 FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE  
19 SENATE. MEMBERS HOLDING OFFICE ON JULY 1, 2025, SHALL CONTINUE TO  
20 SERVE IN SUCH OFFICE, BUT THE TERM OF ONE OF THESE MEMBERS EXPIRES  
21 ON THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF JANUARY 2026, OF  
22 ANOTHER, THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF JANUARY  
23 2027, AND OF THE THIRD, THE MONDAY PRECEDING THE SECOND TUESDAY

1 OF JANUARY 2029, ALL AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR; EXCEPT THAT  
2 THE DESIGNATION MUST NOT RESULT IN THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF  
3 ANY MEMBER TO MORE THAN FOUR YEARS' DURATION. SUBSEQUENT  
4 APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE MADE FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS; EXCEPT THAT  
5 THE INITIAL TERM OF ONE OF THE TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE  
6 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, IS THREE YEARS.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE  
8 THREE OF THE FIVE COMMISSIONERS TO REPRESENT IDENTIFIED  
9 GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE. THE OTHER TWO COMMISSIONERS  
10 SHALL REPRESENT THE STATE AT LARGE. THE IDENTIFIED GEOGRAPHIC  
11 REGIONS, EACH TO BE REPRESENTED BY ONE OF THE THREE  
12 COMMISSIONERS SO DESIGNATED, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

13 (I) DENVER METRO REGION, CONSISTING OF THE COUNTIES OF  
14 ADAMS, ARAPAHOE, BOULDER, LARIMER, WELD, DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON,  
15 PARK, CLEAR CREEK, GILPIN, AND ELBERT, AND THE CITIES AND  
16 COUNTIES OF DENVER AND BROOMFIELD;

17 (II) WESTERN REGION, CONSISTING OF THE COUNTIES OF JACKSON,  
18 CHAFFEE, FREMONT, CUSTER, TELLER, COSTILLA, ALAMOSA, CONEJOS,  
19 RIO GRANDE, MINERAL, SAGUACHE, ARCHULETA, HINSDALE, GUNNISON,  
20 PITKIN, LAKE, EAGLE, SUMMIT, GRAND, ROUTT, MOFFAT, RIO BLANCO,  
21 GARFIELD, MESA, DELTA, MONTROSE, OURAY, SAN JUAN, LA PLATA,  
22 MONTEZUMA, DOLORES, AND SAN MIGUEL; AND

23 (III) EASTERN REGION, CONSISTING OF THE COUNTIES OF  
24 HUERFANO, PUEBLO, EL PASO, CROWLEY, OTERO, BENT, KIOWA,  
25 CHEYENNE, PROWERS, BACA, LAS ANIMAS, LOGAN, SEDGWICK, PHILLIPS,  
26 YUMA, WASHINGTON, MORGAN, KIT CARSON, AND LINCOLN.

27 (2) No more than ~~two~~ THREE members of the ~~public utilities~~

1 commission shall be affiliated with the same political party, and any  
2 appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. Each  
3 commissioner shall be a qualified elector of this state. The governor shall  
4 designate one member of the commission as chair of the commission. The  
5 commissioners shall devote their entire time to the duties of their office  
6 to the exclusion of any other employment and shall receive such  
7 compensation as is designated by law. A majority of the commission ~~shall~~  
8 ~~constitute~~ CONSTITUTES a quorum for the transaction of its business.

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; except  
12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
16 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.