

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 152—ASSEMBLYMEN CLABORN, MCCLEARY,
OHRENSCHALL, CONKLIN, ATKINSON, GOICOECHEA,
GRADY, HOGAN, KIRKPATRICK, MABEY, MANENDO,
MORTENSON, PARNELL AND WEBER

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing composition of and
method of appointing members to Board of Wildlife
Commissioners. (BDR 45-494)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets **[omitted material]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; revising the provisions governing the
composition of and the method of appointing members to
the Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor, and specifies the manner in which members are appointed to the Commission and the qualifications for membership. Existing law requires a county advisory board to manage wildlife to submit written nominations for appointment to the Commission upon the request of the Governor. After giving consideration to the written nominations, the Governor must appoint members to the Commission who meet the qualifications established by law. (NRS 501.167, 501.171)

This bill changes the procedure for appointing members to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. This bill requires the Governor to notify the county advisory boards not later than 90 days before a member's term expires. The county advisory boards must then submit to the Governor the names of qualified nominees to replace the member. If the Governor receives the names of at least five qualified nominees no later than 30 days before the member's term expires, the Governor must appoint the new member from among those nominated for appointment. Otherwise, the Governor may appoint any qualified person to the Commission.

This bill also amends the qualifications for membership on the Commission by requiring one member to be actively engaged in accounting and to have held a



19 resident hunting or fishing license for at least 3 of the 4 years immediately
20 preceding his appointment.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 501.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 501.171 1. ~~[A county advisory board to manage wildlife shall~~
3 ~~submit written nominations for appointments to the Commission~~
4 ~~upon the request of the Governor and may submit nominations at~~
5 ~~any other time.~~

6 ~~— 2. After consideration of the written nominations submitted by~~
7 ~~a county advisory board to manage wildlife and any additional~~
8 ~~candidates for appointment to the Commission, the] The Governor~~
9 shall appoint to the Commission:

10 (a) One member who is actively engaged in the conservation of
11 wildlife;

12 (b) One member who is actively engaged in farming;

13 (c) One member who is actively engaged in ranching;

14 (d) One member who represents the interests of the general
15 public; ~~and~~

16 ~~— (e) Five]~~

17 ~~(e) Four~~ members who during at least 3 of the 4 years
18 immediately preceding their appointment held a resident license to
19 fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada ~~[; and~~

20 ~~(f) One member who is actively engaged in accounting and~~
21 ~~who during at least 3 of the 4 years immediately preceding his~~
22 ~~appointment held a resident license to fish or hunt, or both, in~~
23 ~~Nevada.~~

24 2. *Not later than 90 days before the expiration of the term of*
25 *a member of the Commission, the Governor shall notify the county*
26 *advisory boards to manage wildlife of the name of the member, the*
27 *date on which the term of the member expires and the paragraph*
28 *of subsection 1 pursuant to which the member was appointed, and*
29 *shall request the county advisory boards to submit the names of*
30 *qualified nominees to replace the member. The county advisory*
31 *boards shall submit to the Governor the names of qualified*
32 *nominees to replace the member not later than 30 days before the*
33 *expiration of the term of the member. If the Governor timely*
34 *receives from the county advisory boards the names of at least five*
35 *qualified nominees to replace the member, the Governor shall*
36 *appoint the new member from among the qualified nominees*
37 *submitted by the county advisory boards. If the Governor does not*
38 *timely receive from the county advisory boards the names of at*



1 *least five qualified nominees, the Governor may appoint any*
2 *qualified person to replace the member.*

3 3. The Governor shall not appoint to the Commission any
4 person who has been convicted of:

5 (a) A felony or gross misdemeanor for a violation of
6 NRS 501.376;

7 (b) A gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS 502.060 or
8 504.395; or

9 (c) Two or more violations of the provisions of chapters 501 to
10 504, inclusive, of NRS,

11 ➤ during the previous 10 years.

12 4. Not more than three members may be from the same county
13 whose population is 400,000 or more, not more than two members
14 may be from the same county whose population is 100,000 or more
15 but less than 400,000, and not more than one member may be from
16 the same county whose population is less than 100,000.

17 5. The Commission shall annually select a Chairman and a
18 Vice Chairman from among its members. A person shall not serve
19 more than two consecutive terms as Chairman.

20 **Sec. 2.** On or before July 1, 2006, the Governor shall appoint a
21 member of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners pursuant to the
22 provisions of paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 501.171, as
23 amended by section 1 of this act, to a term beginning on July 1,
24 2006, to replace the member appointed pursuant to the provisions of
25 paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 501.171, as amended by
26 section 1 of this act, whose term expires on June 30, 2006.



