
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 25—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)

PREFILED FEBRUARY 3, 2005

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Revises membership of State Environmental
Commission. (BDR 40-661)

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 the State Environmental Commission; revising
the membership of the Commission; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the State Environmental Commission within the State
2 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (NRS 445B.200) The State
3 Environmental Commission consists of six members designated by statute,
4 including the State Forester Firewarden, and five persons appointed by the
5 Governor. (NRS 445B.200)
6 This bill removes the State Forester Firewarden as a member of the State
7 Environmental Commission and increases the number of members to be appointed
8 by the Governor to six. This bill further provides that one member who is appointed
9 by the Governor must have experience and expertise in advocating issues relating
10 to conservation.



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

Section 1. NRS 445B.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

445B.200 1. The State Environmental Commission is hereby created within the ~~{State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.}~~ **Department.** The Commission consists of:

(a) The Director of the Department of Wildlife;

(b) ~~{The State Forester Firewarden;~~

~~{(c)} The State Engineer;~~

~~{(d)}~~ (c) The Director of the State Department of Agriculture;

~~{(e)}~~ (d) The Administrator of the Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources;

~~{(f)}~~ (e) A member of the State Board of Health to be designated by that Board; and

~~{(g) Five}~~

(f) **Six** members appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a general engineering contractor or a general building contractor licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS , ~~{and}~~ one of whom possesses expertise in performing mining reclamation ~~{and one of whom possesses experience and expertise in advocating issues relating to conservation.}~~

2. The Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Commission from among the members of the Commission.

3. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and a majority of those present must concur in any decision.

4. Each member who is appointed by the Governor is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80, as fixed by the Commission, for each day's attendance at a meeting of the Commission.

5. While engaged in the business of the Commission, each member and employee of the Commission is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

6. Any person who receives or has received during the previous 2 years a significant portion of his income, as defined by any applicable state or federal law, directly or indirectly from one or more holders of or applicants for a permit required by NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive, is disqualified from serving as a member of the Commission. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any person who receives or has received during the previous 2 years, a significant portion of his income from any department or agency of state government which is a holder of or an



1 applicant for a permit required by NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730,
2 inclusive.

3 7. The ~~{State Department of Conservation and Natural~~
4 ~~Resources}~~ **Department** shall provide technical advice, support and
5 assistance to the Commission. All state officers, departments,
6 commissions and agencies, including the Department of
7 Transportation, the Department of Human Resources, the University
8 and Community College System of Nevada, the State Public Works
9 Board, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public
10 Safety, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, the
11 Transportation Services Authority and the State Department of
12 Agriculture may also provide technical advice, support and
13 assistance to the Commission.

14 **Sec. 2.** 1. Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of
15 section 1 of this act, the State Forester Firewarden shall continue to
16 serve as a member of the State Environmental Commission until the
17 Governor appoints a member to the Commission pursuant to
18 subsection 2.

19 2. As soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, the Governor shall
20 appoint to the State Environmental Commission a person who is
21 qualified to serve as a member of the Commission in accordance
22 with the provisions of paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS
23 445B.200, as amended by section 1 of this act.

24 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



