

Assembly Bill No. 217—Assemblymen Bobzien, Buckley, Leslie, Smith, Horne, Anderson, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Gerhardt, Goicoechea, Hardy, Hogan, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Manendo, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Pierce, Setterblom, Settelmeyer, Stewart and Womack

Joint Sponsor: Senator Titus

CHAPTER.....

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:

Existing law creates the State Environmental Commission within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Commission consists of six members designated by statute and five members appointed by the Governor. (NRS 445B.200) This bill provides that, of the five members of the Commission who are appointed by the Governor, one member must have experience and expertise in advocating issues relating 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 Department. The Commission consists of:

- (a) The Director of the Department of Wildlife;
- (b) The State Forester Firewarden;
- (c) The State Engineer;
- (d) The Director of the State Department of Agriculture;
- (e) The Administrator of the Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources;
- (f) A member of the State Board of Health to be designated by that Board; and
- (g) Five members appointed by the Governor ~~four~~:

(1) One of whom is a general engineering contractor or a general building contractor licensed pursuant to chapter 624 of NRS ~~and one~~;

(2) One of whom possesses expertise in performing mining reclamation ~~and~~; *and*

(3) 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 applicant for a permit required by NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive.

7. The Department shall provide technical advice, support and assistance to the Commission. All state officers, departments, commissions and agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada System of Higher Education, the State Public Works Board, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Safety, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, the Transportation Services Authority and the State Department of Agriculture may also provide technical advice, support and assistance to the Commission.

Sec. 2. As soon as practicable on or after July 1, 2007, the Governor shall appoint to the State Environmental Commission a person who is qualified to serve as a member of the Commission pursuant to subparagraph (3) of paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NRS 445B.200, as amended by section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

