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AN ACT relating to wildlife; requiring the membership of each county advisory board to manage wildlife to include one qualified member who represents the interests of the general public; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes a county advisory board to manage wildlife in each county in the State of Nevada. (NRS 501.260) The boards are required to solicit and evaluate local opinion and advise the Board of Wildlife Commissioners on matters relating to the management of wildlife within their respective counties, including recommendations for setting seasons for fishing, hunting and trapping, bag limits and hours. (NRS 501.297, 501.303) The board of county commissioners of each county is required to appoint the members of the county advisory board to manage wildlife for the county. Each person appointed to a county advisory board is required to: (1) be a hunter, trapper, angler or a person engaged in ranching or farming; and (2) reside in the county in which the board sits. (NRS 501.265, 501.270) This bill requires each board of county commissioners to appoint one person who represents the interests of the general public to occupy one position on the county advisory board to manage wildlife in that county. This bill also requires the board of county commissioners, when filling a vacancy in the membership of a hunter, trapper, angler, rancher or farmer, to consider the recommendations of persons who are engaged in ranching or farming in the county.

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

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

Section 1. NRS 501.265 is hereby amended to read as follows:

501.265 1. The board of county commissioners shall appoint qualified persons to the board who are residents of the county and are:

- (a) Hunters, trappers or anglers; or
- (b) Engaged in ranching or farming in the county.

2. *In addition to the members appointed pursuant to subsection 1, the board of county commissioners shall appoint one qualified person to the board who represents the interests of the general public of the county. The person appointed pursuant to this subsection must be a resident of the county from which he or she is appointed.*

3. Within 60 days after a vacancy occurs, the board of county commissioners shall *, if the vacant member was appointed:*

(a) *Pursuant to subsection 1,* appoint a member to the board upon the recommendation of ~~the organized~~:



(1) Organizations that represent hunters, trappers or anglers
~~{and residents of}~~ in the county ~~};~~
~~—3.1 ; and~~

(2) Persons who are engaged in ranching or farming in the county.

(b) Pursuant to subsection 2, appoint a member to the board pursuant to the provisions of that subsection.

4. Within 90 days after a vacancy occurs, the board of county commissioners shall report to the Commission the name and address of each member appointed.

Sec. 2. 1. As soon as practicable after the first vacancy in the membership of a county advisory board to manage wildlife occurs on or after July 1, 2013, the board of county commissioners which appoints the members of that county advisory board to manage wildlife shall appoint one member who is qualified to represent the interests of the general public pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 501.265, as amended by section 1 of this act.

2. Upon appointing the member of the county advisory board to manage wildlife pursuant to subsection 1, the board of county commissioners shall submit the name and address of the appointed member to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

