

SENATE BILL NO. 184—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (BDR 45-408)

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 provisions governing the membership of 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 confers broad authority upon the Commission to manage wildlife and its habitat in this State. (NRS 501.105, 501.167, 501.181) Existing law further requires five of those nine members to hold a resident license to fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada. (NRS 501.171)

Section 1 of this bill: (1) decreases from five to four the members of the Commission who are qualified by reason of holding a resident license to fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada; and (2) adds one member to the Commission whose qualifications require the member to: (1) be a graduate of a 4-year college or university with a degree in environmental science or ecology, or an equivalent degree; and (2) possess specialized knowledge and expertise concerning threatened and endangered species of wildlife. **Section 1** also clarifies that nominations for appointment to the Commission may be submitted by any person for consideration by the Governor.

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

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



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2. After consideration of the written nominations submitted by a county advisory board to manage wildlife, *any other nominations submitted by the board or any person* and any additional candidates for appointment to the Commission, the Governor shall appoint to the Commission:

(a) *One member who is a graduate of a 4-year college or university with a degree in environmental science or ecology or an equivalent degree, and who possesses specialized knowledge and expertise concerning threatened and endangered species of wildlife;*

(b) One member who is actively engaged in and possesses experience and expertise in advocating issues relating to conservation;

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

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

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

~~((e)) Five~~

(f) *Four* members who during at least 3 of the 4 years immediately preceding their appointment held a resident license to fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada.

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

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

(b) A gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS 502.060;

(c) A felony or gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS 504.395; or

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

↳ during the previous 10 years.

4. Not more than three members may be from the same county whose population is 700,000 or more, not more than two members may be from the same county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, and not more than one member may be from the same county whose population is less than 100,000.

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

Sec. 2. As soon as practicable after the date of the first expiration of the term of a current member of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners who is qualified pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 2 of NRS 501.171, as amended by section 1 of this act, the Governor shall appoint a member to the Commission who is



- 1 qualified pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 501.171,
- 2 as amended by section 1 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

