

SENATE BILL NO. 224—SENATORS GOICOECHEA,  
HANSEN, STONE, TITUS; AND HAMMOND

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN GURR

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (BDR 45-1013)

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

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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 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 board authority upon the Commission to manage wildlife and its habitat in Nevada. (NRS 501.167) **Section 2** of this bill increases the membership of the Commission by adding one member who is licensed as a master guide and one member who is a member of a county advisory board to manage wildlife. **Section 2** also increases the number of members who may be from the same county whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties) from one member to two members. **Sections 1 and 3** of this bill make conforming changes to reflect the increase in the membership of the Commission.

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

**Section 1.** NRS 501.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
501.167 The Board of Wildlife Commissioners, consisting of  
~~nine~~ *11* members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.



**Sec. 2.** 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.

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

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

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

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

(d) *One member who is licensed as a master guide pursuant to NRS 504.390;*

(e) *One member who is a member of a county advisory board to manage wildlife pursuant to NRS 501.260 to 501.325, inclusive;*

(f) One member who represents the interests of the general public; and

~~(e)~~ (g) Five 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~~ *two members* 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.



1     **Sec. 3.** NRS 501.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     501.177 1. The Commission may hold not more than nine  
3 meetings regularly each year based on need and the requests  
4 submitted by the county advisory boards to manage wildlife.  
5     2. Special meetings of the Commission may be held at such  
6 times and places as the Commission deems proper.  
7     3. ~~Five~~ *A majority of the* members of the Commission  
8 ~~constitute~~ *constitutes* a quorum for the transaction of any business  
9 which may come before the Commission.

