

GOVERNOR'S RURAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

AMENDMENTS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: John W. Hickman

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of the State Commissions and Councils Code related to compensation of members serving on the Governor's Rural Partnership Board.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill provides that members of the Governor's Rural Partnership Board may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63C-10-102, as enacted by Chapter 73, Laws of Utah 2004

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 63C-10-102 is amended to read:

63C-10-102. Governor's Rural Partnership Board -- Creation -- Membership -- Vacancies -- Chairs -- Expenses.

(1) There is created the Governor's Rural Partnership Board composed of 11 members as follows:

- 30 (a) the governor or the governor's designee;
 - 31 (b) a rural member of the Utah Association of Counties' Board of Directors, appointed
32 by the association's board;
 - 33 (c) a rural member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns' Board of Directors,
34 appointed by the league's board;
 - 35 (d) the vice president of Utah State University's Extension Services or the vice
36 president's designee;
 - 37 (e) the president of Southern Utah University or the president's designee;
 - 38 (f) the chair of the Utah Rural Development Council; and
 - 39 (g) five rural members appointed by the governor, at least one of which shall be a
40 representative from a rural private business.
- 41 (2) (a) Except as required by Subsection (2)(b), board members identified in
42 Subsections (1)(b), (c), and (g) shall be appointed for four-year terms.
- 43 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (2)(a), the governor shall, at the
44 time of appointment or reappointment for members appointed under Subsection (1)(g), adjust
45 the length of terms to ensure that the terms of these members are staggered so that
46 approximately half of these five members are appointed every two years.
- 47 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
48 appointed for the unexpired term in the same manner as the vacated member was chosen.
- 49 (d) Once initial board appointments are made pursuant to Subsection (1)(g),
50 recommendations for filling vacancies for any reason of those five board positions shall be
51 made to the governor from a nominating committee consisting of:
- 52 (i) three individuals selected by the Steering Committee of the Rural Coordinating
53 Committee; and
 - 54 (ii) three individuals selected by the Governor's Rural Partnership Board from the Utah
55 Rural Development Council membership.
- 56 (3) (a) The governor or the governor's designee shall serve as cochair of the board.
- 57 (b) The chair of the Utah Rural Development Council shall serve as cochair of the

58 board.

59 (4) The board shall meet at the call of the cochairs, but at least semiannually.

60 (5) (a) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum.

61 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the board.

62 (6) Members receive no compensation or benefits for their services on the board, but
63 may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties
64 at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.