

**Senator Kevin T. Van Tassell** proposes the following substitute bill:

**UTAH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE**

**AMENDMENTS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell**

House Sponsor: Brad L. Dee

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Utah Communications Authority Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the method of appointing the chair of the Utah Communications Authority Board to appointment by the governor with consent by the Senate;
- ▶ requires the governor to rotate appointment of the chair, every three years, between a local government representative and a state representative;
- ▶ establishes that the executive director of the Utah Communications Authority is appointed by the board and serves at the pleasure of the ~~§~~ → **[chair] board** ← ~~§~~ ;
- ▶ requires the Utah Communications Authority Board to create a comprehensive strategic plan;
- ▶ establishes requirements for the comprehensive strategic plan;
- ▶ requires each division of the Utah Communications Authority to contribute to the comprehensive strategic plan;
- ▶ requires yearly reports from the Utah Communications Authority Board to the Legislative Management Committee and the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice



- 119 (6) The board shall meet on an as-needed basis and as provided in the bylaws.
- 120 (7) The board shall also elect a vice chair, secretary, and treasurer to perform those  
121 functions provided in the bylaws.
- 122 (a) The vice chair shall be a member of the board.
- 123 (b) The secretary and treasurer need not be members of the board, but shall not have  
124 voting powers if they are not members of the board.
- 125 (c) The offices of chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer shall be held by separate  
126 individuals.
- 127 (8) Each member representative and state representative shall have one vote, including  
128 the chair, at all meetings of the board.
- 129 (9) A constitutional majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum. A  
130 vote of a majority of the quorum at any meeting of the board is necessary to take action on  
131 behalf of the board.
- 132 (10) A board member may not receive compensation for the member's service on the  
133 board, but may, in accordance with administrative rules adopted by the board, receive:
- 134 (a) a per diem at the rate established under Section 63A-3-106; and
- 135 (b) travel expenses at the rate established under Section 63A-3-107.
- 136 Section 2. Section **63H-7a-204** is amended to read:
- 137 **63H-7a-204. Board -- Powers and duties.**
- 138 The board shall:
- 139 (1) manage the affairs and business of the authority consistent with this chapter  
140 including adopting bylaws by a majority vote of its members;
- 141 (2) appoint an executive director to administer the authority, who shall serve at the  
142 pleasure of the ~~§~~ → **[chair] board** ← ~~§~~ ;
- 143 (3) receive and act upon reports covering the operations of the public safety  
144 communications network and funds administered by the authority;
- 145 (4) ensure that the public safety communications network and funds are administered  
146 according to law;
- 147 (5) examine and approve an annual operating budget for the authority;
- 148 (6) receive and act upon recommendations of the chair;
- 149 (7) recommend to the governor and Legislature any necessary or desirable changes in