

1 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION BOARD AMENDMENTS**

2 2017 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Kay J. Christofferson**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies the membership of the Conservation Commission.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ modifies the membership of the Conservation Commission, reducing it from 16
- 13 members to seven; and
- 14 ▶ makes technical changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **4-18-104**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 227

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

24 Section 1. Section **4-18-104** is amended to read:

25 **4-18-104. Conservation Commission created -- Composition -- Appointment --**
26 **Terms -- Compensation -- Attorney general to provide legal assistance.**

27 (1) There is created within the department the Conservation Commission to perform



28 the functions specified in this chapter.

29 (2) The Conservation Commission shall be comprised of [~~16~~] seven members,
30 including:

31 (a) the director of the Extension Service at Utah State University or the director's
32 designee;

33 [~~(b) the president of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts or the president's~~
34 ~~designee;~~]

35 [~~(c)~~] (b) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

36 [~~(d)~~] (c) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources or the executive
37 director's designee;

38 [~~(e)~~] (d) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality or the
39 executive director's designee;

40 [~~(f) the chair and the vice chair of the State Grazing Advisory Board, created in Section~~
41 ~~4-20-1.5;~~]

42 [~~(g) the president of the County Weed Supervisors Association;~~]

43 [~~(h)~~] (e) [~~seven~~] two district supervisors who provide district representation on the
44 commission on a multicounty basis; and

45 [~~(i) the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration or the~~
46 ~~director's designee;~~]

47 (f) one member, appointed by the governor, representing either the State Grazing
48 Advisory Board or the County Weed Supervisors Association.

49 (3) If a district supervisor is unable to attend a meeting, an alternate may serve in the
50 place of the district supervisor for that meeting.

51 (4) The members of the commission specified in Subsection (2)[~~(f)~~](e) shall:

52 (a) be recommended by the commission to the governor; and

53 (b) be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate.

54 (5) (a) Except as required by Subsection (5)(b), as terms of current commission
55 members expire, the governor shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a
56 four-year term.

57 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (5)(a), the governor shall, at the
58 time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of

59 commission members are staggered so that approximately half of the commission is appointed
60 every two years.

61 (6) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
62 appointed for the unexpired term.

63 (7) The commissioner is chair of the commission.

64 (8) Attendance of a majority of the commission members at a meeting constitutes a
65 quorum.

66 (9) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but
67 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

68 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

69 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

70 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and
71 [63A-3-107](#).

72 (10) The commission shall keep a record of its actions.

73 (11) The attorney general shall provide legal services to the commission upon request.

Legislative Review Note
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