

WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This bill modifies the membership of the State Water Development Commission.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the membership of the State Water Development Commission; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

73-27-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 309

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

Section 1. Section **73-27-102** is amended to read:

73-27-102. State Water Development Commission created.



28 (1) The State Water Development Commission is created to determine the state's role
29 in the protection, conservation, and development of the state's water resources.

30 (2) The commission membership shall include:

31 (a) five members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
32 four of whom may be from the same political party;

33 (b) eight members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
34 House of Representatives, no more than six of whom may be from the same political party; and

35 [~~(c) the state treasurer, who shall be a nonvoting member; and~~]

36 [~~(d)~~] (c) the following nonvoting members, appointed by the governor:

37 [~~(i) two representatives of the Office of the Governor, including one representative
38 from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget;~~]

39 [~~(ii)~~] (i) a representative of the Green River District;

40 [~~(iii)~~] (ii) a representative of the Upper Colorado River District;

41 [~~(iv)~~] (iii) a representative of the Lower Colorado River District;

42 [~~(v)~~] (iv) a representative of the Lower Sevier River District;

43 [~~(vi)~~] (v) a representative of the Upper Sevier River District;

44 [~~(vii)~~] (vi) a representative of the Provo River District;

45 [~~(viii)~~] (vii) a representative of the Salt Lake District;

46 [~~(ix)~~] (viii) a representative of the Weber River District;

47 [~~(x)~~] (ix) a representative of the Bear River District;

48 [~~(xi) the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources;~~]

49 [~~(xii) the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;~~]

50 [~~(xiii) the commissioner of agriculture and food;~~]

51 [~~(xiv) a member of the Board of Water Resources;~~]

52 [~~(xv)~~] (x) a representative of an organized environmental group;

53 [~~(xvi)~~] (xi) a representative of agricultural production; and

54 [~~(xvii) a representative with experience in finance and economics.;~~]

55 (xii) a representative of the governor's cabinet or the Office of the Governor.

56 (3) (a) Except as required by Subsection (3)(b), the members appointed by the governor
57 under Subsection (2)(d) shall be appointed or reappointed to a four-year term.

58 (b) The governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length

59 of terms to ensure that the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately half of
60 the nonvoting members of the commission are appointed every two years.

61 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the governor shall
62 appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.

63 (4) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall,
64 to the extent possible, appoint members under Subsections (2)(a) and (b) that represent both
65 rural and urban areas of the state.

66 (5) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
67 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

68 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
69 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the commission.

70 (6) Attendance by at least 50% of one legislative house and more than 50% of the other
71 legislative house constitutes a quorum.

72 (7) (a) Compensation and expenses of a member of the commission who is a legislator
73 are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation
74 and Expenses.

75 (b) Commission members who are employees of the state shall receive no additional
76 compensation.

77 (c) Other commission members shall receive no compensation or expenses for their
78 service on the commission.

79 (8) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
80 to the commission.

Legislative Review Note
Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel