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HOUSE BILL 11-1223

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS  
102 CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE COMMISSION, INCREASING THE  
104 PROPORTION OF INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION, AND SPECIFYING  
105 THE TYPE OF EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN INDUSTRY  
106 MEMBERS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

House Bill 07-1341 altered the composition of the Colorado oil and gas conservation commission (commission) by:

- ! Increasing the size of the commission from 7 to 9 members (adding the executive directors of the departments of public health and environment and natural resources as ex officio voting members);
- ! Reducing from 5 to 3 the number of members with substantial experience in the oil and gas industry; and
- ! Including a representative of local government.

The bill restores the commission to its pre-House Bill 07-1341 composition, and specifies the type of experience required for certain industry members.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 34-60-104 (2) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **34-60-104. Oil and gas conservation commission - report -**  
5 **publication.** (2) (a) (I) Effective July 1, 2007 2011, the commission  
6 ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of ~~nine~~ SEVEN members, ~~seven of whom shall be~~  
7 AS appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. ~~and two of~~  
8 ~~whom, the executive director of the department of natural resources and~~  
9 ~~the executive director of the department of public health and~~  
10 ~~environment, shall be ex officio voting members.~~ THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
11 APPOINT at least two members ~~shall be appointed~~ from west of the  
12 continental divide, and, to the extent possible, consistent with this  
13 paragraph (a), ~~the other members shall be appointed~~ THE GOVERNOR  
14 SHALL APPOINT THE REMAINING FIVE MEMBERS taking into account the  
15 need for geographical representation of other areas of the state with high  
16 levels of oil and gas activity or employment. ~~Three~~ FIVE members ~~shall~~  
17 ~~be individuals with~~ MUST HAVE substantial experience in the oil and gas  
18 industry. ~~and~~ At least ~~two~~ THREE of ~~said three~~ THOSE FIVE members ~~shall~~  
19 MUST have a college degree AND DEMONSTRATED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

1 in petroleum geology or petroleum engineering. ~~one member shall be a~~  
2 ~~local government official; one member shall~~ THE OTHER TWO OF THOSE  
3 FIVE MEMBERS MUST HAVE RECENT PRACTICAL OR FIELD EXPERIENCE IN  
4 THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY. THE REMAINING TWO COMMISSION MEMBERS  
5 MUST have formal training or substantial experience in environmental or  
6 wildlife protection ~~one member shall have formal training or substantial~~  
7 ~~experience in~~ OR soil conservation or reclamation ~~and one member shall~~  
8 OR be actively engaged in agricultural production, and IF A MEMBER IS  
9 ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, THAT MEMBER MUST  
10 also be a royalty owner. ~~Excluding the executive directors from~~  
11 ~~consideration~~, No more than four members of the commission shall be  
12 members of the same political party.

13           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.