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SENATE BILL 11-231

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING OPERATION OF THE COLORADO CHANNEL AUTHORITY,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALLOWING THE AUTHORITY**
103 **TO MAKE AVAILABLE VIA THE INTERNET AUDIO RECORDINGS OF**
104 **PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REQUIRING**
105 **CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**
106 **AUTHORITY TO BE SERVING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL**
107 **ASSEMBLY AND TO REPRESENT THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES**
108 **IN EACH HOUSE.**

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

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.

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applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill clarify that the Colorado channel authority (authority) may make available via the internet audio recordings of proceedings of the general assembly. Section 1 also specifies that certain members of the board of the authority appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate and the minority leaders of the house of representatives and the senate must be current members of the general assembly and represent the major political parties in each house of the general assembly.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-49.9-101 (1) (a), the introductory portion to
3 24-49.9-101 (3) (b), and 24-49.9-101 (3) (b) (III), (3) (b) (IV), (3) (b) (V),
4 (3) (b) (VI), and (3) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

5 **24-49.9-101. Colorado channel authority - creation - legislative**
6 **declaration.** (1) (a) The general assembly finds, determines, and
7 declares that:

8 (I) It is beneficial to the citizens of Colorado for sessions of the
9 general assembly to be televised via cable television and webcast AND
10 THAT AUDIO OF THESE SESSIONS BE BROADCAST VIA THE INTERNET;

11 (II) Televising AND BROADCASTING the proceedings of the general
12 assembly will make Colorado state government more open and accessible
13 to the citizens of this state; and

14 (III) It is desirable for a governmental entity to be created to
15 coordinate programming and televising sessions of the general assembly
16 as well as programming and televising for other state purposes AND
17 MAKING AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THESE SESSIONS AVAILABLE.

18 (3) (b) The board ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of the following nine
19 members:

1 (III) One member, SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

3 (IV) One member, SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
4 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

5 (V) One member, SERVING IN THE SENATE, appointed by the
6 president of the senate;

7 (VI) One member, SERVING IN THE SENATE, appointed by the
8 minority leader of the senate; and

9 (c) (I) Of the members initially appointed to the board, the
10 members appointed by the governor ~~shall~~ each serve for terms of two
11 years; the member appointed by the chief justice ~~shall serve~~ SERVES for
12 a term of two years; the members OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 AND THE SENATE appointed by the minority leaders of the house of
14 representatives and the senate ~~shall~~ each serve for a term of three years
15 SO LONG AS THEY ALSO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF THE
16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM WHICH THEY ARE APPOINTED; the members OF
17 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE appointed by the
18 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate
19 ~~shall~~ each serve for a term of four years SO LONG AS THEY ALSO SERVE AS
20 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM WHICH THEY
21 ARE APPOINTED; and the member appointed by the president of the senate
22 and the speaker of the house of representatives ~~shall serve~~ SERVES for a
23 term of two years.

24 (II) Thereafter, members of the board ~~shall~~ APPOINTED UNDER
25 SUBPARAGRAPH (III), (IV), (V), OR (VI) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS
26 SUBSECTION (3) serve for terms of four years SO LONG AS THEY ALSO
27 SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM

1 WHICH THEY ARE APPOINTED, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE
2 FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS.

3 (III) (A) A VACANCY IN THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD APPOINTED
4 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III), (IV), (V), OR (VI) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL
6 APPOINTMENT, BUT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM ONLY;
7 EXCEPT THAT THESE MEMBERS MUST AT ALL TIMES CONSIST OF A MEMBER
8 FROM EACH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY IN EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY AND BE APPOINTED BY THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING
10 AUTHORITY UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III), (IV), (V), OR (VI) OF
11 PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3), AS APPROPRIATE, TO ENSURE
12 THAT A MEMBER FROM EACH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY IN EACH HOUSE IS
13 A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

14 (B) A vacancy in the membership of OTHER MEMBERS OF the
15 board occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled in the
16 same manner as the original appointment, but for the remainder of the
17 unexpired term only.

18 (IV) An appointed member shall be eligible for reappointment.
19 Members of the board may be removed by the appointing authorities for
20 cause, after a public hearing, and may be suspended by the appointing
21 authority pending the completion of ~~such~~ THE hearing.

22 **SECTION 2.** 24-49.9-102 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
23 amended to read:

24 **24-49.9-102. Colorado channel authority - powers and duties.**

25 (2) The authority shall televise the proceedings of the Colorado house of
26 representatives and senate and such other programming of a state
27 governmental nature as the board may approve, INCLUDING MAKING

1 AVAILABLE AUDIO RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY.

3 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.