

1 SENATE BILL NO. 96

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COAL BOARD; AMENDING
5 SECTION 2-15-1821, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY
6 DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-1821, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"2-15-1821. Coal board -- allocation -- composition.** (1) There is a coal board composed of seven
12 members.13 (2) The coal board is allocated to the department of commerce for administrative purposes only as
14 prescribed in 2-15-121.

15 (3) The governor shall appoint a seven-member coal board, as provided under 2-15-124.

16 (4) (a) Subject to subsections (4)(b) ~~and (4)(c)~~, through (4)(d), the members of the coal board are
17 selected as follows:

18 (i) two from the impact areas; and

19 (ii) two with expertise in education.

20 (b) At least two but not more than four members must be appointed from each district provided for in
21 5-1-102.

22 (c) In making the appointments, the governor shall consider people from the following fields:

23 (i) business;

24 (ii) engineering;

25 (iii) public administration; and

26 (iv) planning.

27 (d) At least one member appointed in accordance with subsection (4)(a)(i) must be from an incorporated
28 city or town with a population of 50,000 or more according to the most recent federal census or estimate."

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30 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to vacancies on the board occurring after
3 [the effective date of this act] and to appointments made pursuant to 2-15-1821(4)(a)(i) after [the effective date
4 of this act].

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