

1 SENATE BILL 524

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE
12 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. Section 73-20-28 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
16 Chapter 137, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "73-20-28. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
18 MEMBERS.--There is created a "soil and water conservation
19 commission" to be composed of seven appointed members and five
20 ex-officio members. The seven appointed members shall be
21 selected by [~~and serve at the pleasure of~~] the governor and be
22 confirmed by the senate. Six of the appointed members shall be
23 supervisors [~~and shall be selected and appointed from a panel~~
24 ~~of three candidates~~] currently serving in an elected position
25 on a district board. One supervisor from each region [~~compiled~~

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1 ~~by the districts of each region and presented by the president~~
2 ~~of the New Mexico association of conservation districts]~~ shall
3 be appointed from a list of candidates submitted by the
4 districts of each region to the director of the department.

5 One appointed member shall be selected at large and shall be a
6 person interested and active in the conservation or development
7 of natural resources in New Mexico. The five ex-officio
8 members shall serve without vote and shall include:

9 A. the governor or [~~his~~] the governor's designee;

10 B. the associate director of the cooperative
11 extension service of New Mexico state university or [~~his~~] the
12 associate director's designee;

13 C. the associate director of the agricultural
14 experiment station of New Mexico state university or [~~his~~] the
15 associate director's designee;

16 D. the state conservationist of the natural
17 resources conservation service of the United States department
18 of agriculture or [~~his~~] the state conservationist's designee;
19 and

20 E. the president of the New Mexico association of
21 conservation districts or [~~his~~] the president's designee."

22 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.