

SENATE FILE NO. SF0012

Public service commission-member qualifications.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the public service commission;
2 specifying qualifications for members of the commission;
3 specifying applicability; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-2-101(a) and by creating a new
9 subsection (g) is amended to read:

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11 **37-2-101. Creation; composition; qualifications;**
12 **appointment; compensation; terms and oaths of members;**
13 **removal; chairman and deputy chairman; vacancies.**

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1 (a) There is created a commission separate from the
2 state board of equalization to which it has been joined
3 which is known as the "public service commission of
4 Wyoming". The commission shall consist of three (3) members
5 appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and
6 consent of the senate. At least one (1) member of the
7 commission shall possess the qualifications specified in
8 subsection (g) of this section. Members of the commission
9 shall not possess a direct financial interest in any public
10 utility regulated by the commission. Not more than
11 seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the commission
12 shall at any time be members of the same political party.
13 Each member of the commission shall receive an annual
14 salary as provided by law, to be paid in equal monthly
15 installments in the same manner that other state salaries
16 are paid.

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18 (g) At least one (1) member of the commission shall
19 possess all of the following:

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21 (i) A professional license or a degree from an
22 accredited college or university in the field of

1 accounting, business administration, economics,
2 engineering, finance or law;

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4 (ii) At least five (5) years of professional
5 experience in a field substantially related to the duties
6 and functions of the commission.

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8 **Section 2.** Nothing in this act shall affect the
9 current term of any member of the public service
10 commission. The governor shall make appointments in
11 accordance with this act for any vacancy occurring on or
12 after the effective date of this act.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
15 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
16 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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19 (END)