



SB22-013

SHORT TITLE: Boards and Commissions

LONG TITLE: Concerning requirements for boards and commissions

COMMITTEES: Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

SPONSORS: Senators Fenberg and Holbert

PURPOSE OF THE BILL: To make changes in composition depending on changes in members' residency due to redistricting, addition, or loss of a congressional district in the state. The bill creates standard provisions regarding vacancies, partial terms, remote participation, and minimum majorities. The bill updates statutes concerning the State Board of Education and the University of Colorado Board of Regents. The bill also amends statutes for boards whose membership is based on the number of congressional districts. Other changes include:

- Repealing deadlines for events or actions that have already occurred.

- Repealing language setting specific expiration dates or requirements for board members' terms to create staggering of the board members' terms and replacing it with a general requirement that the terms of office are staggered.

- Repealing requirements for notice and hearing before a board member can be removed for use by an appointing authority.

- Repealing, for certain boards, the requirement that a board member serve until the board member's successor is confirmed by the senate.

- Updating archaic language to conform to current drafting standards.

- Reorganizing sections to clarify requirements related to appointments, qualifications for appointees, and terms of office.

- Clarifying requirements related to the number of board members that may be affiliated with one political party; and

- Making conforming amendments.

PROPONENTS OF THE BILL: Senate majority and minority leadership

POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS: Various state governing bodies, particularly those whose membership is based on congressional district residence

BACKGROUND: The 2020 census added a new congressional district to Colorado and changed the districts where various boards/commission members reside. There appears to be a need for some updating (e.g. the ability for remote participation) as well and some ambiguity regarding vacancy appointments and partial terms.

Is this bill necessary this year? This is a follow-up to the 2020 census and redistricting

How does the bill change current law? It changes many requirements for service on boards and commissions throughout the state

Does the bill affect the prior appropriations system? No.

How is the bill implemented? It appears to be self-executing

Practical Considerations: This is a lengthy (165 pages) and complex bill and should be carefully reviewed as it affects terms of service and appointment procedures. Includes Water Quality Control Commission, water and wastewater facility operator's certification board and basin roundtable appointments.

Fiscal Impact: None identified

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