

SENATE BILL NO. 78—SENATOR GOICOECHEA

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2021

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (BDR 45-107)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to wildlife; revising the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, consisting of nine
2 members appointed by the Governor and confers broad authority upon the
3 Commission to manage wildlife and its habitat in Nevada. (NRS 501.167) **Section**
4 **2** of this bill increases the membership of the Commission by adding one member
5 who is licensed as a master guide and one member who is an elected officer
6 representing a local political subdivision. **Section 2** also increases the number of
7 members who may be from the same county whose population is less than 100,000
8 (currently all counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties) from one member to
9 two members. **Sections 1 and 3** of this bill make conforming changes to reflect the
10 increase in the membership of the Commission.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 501.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 501.167 The Board of Wildlife Commissioners, consisting of
3 ~~nine~~ *11* members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created.

4 **Sec. 2.** NRS 501.171 is hereby amended to read as follows:
5 501.171 1. A county advisory board to manage wildlife shall
6 submit written nominations for appointments to the Commission
7 upon the request of the Governor and may submit nominations at
8 any other time.



1 2. After consideration of the written nominations submitted by
2 a county advisory board to manage wildlife and any additional
3 candidates for appointment to the Commission, the Governor shall
4 appoint to the Commission:

5 (a) One member who is actively engaged in and possesses
6 experience and expertise in advocating issues relating to
7 conservation;

8 (b) One member who is actively engaged in farming;

9 (c) One member who is actively engaged in ranching;

10 (d) *One member who is licensed as a master guide pursuant to*
11 *NRS 504.390;*

12 (e) *One member who is an elected officer representing the*
13 *governing body of a local political subdivision;*

14 (f) One member who represents the interests of the general
15 public; and

16 ~~(e)~~ (g) Five members who during at least 3 of the 4 years
17 immediately preceding their appointment held a resident license to
18 fish or hunt, or both, in Nevada.

19 3. The Governor shall not appoint to the Commission any
20 person who has been convicted of:

21 (a) A felony or gross misdemeanor for a violation of
22 NRS 501.376;

23 (b) A gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS 502.060;

24 (c) A felony or gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS
25 504.395; or

26 (d) Two or more violations of the provisions of chapters 501 to
27 504, inclusive, of NRS,

28 ↪ during the previous 10 years.

29 4. Not more than three members may be from the same county
30 whose population is 700,000 or more, not more than two members
31 may be from the same county whose population is 100,000 or more
32 but less than 700,000, and not more than ~~one member~~ *two*
33 *members* may be from the same county whose population is less
34 than 100,000.

35 5. The Commission shall annually select a Chair and a Vice
36 Chair from among its members. A person shall not serve more than
37 two consecutive terms as Chair.

38 **Sec. 3.** NRS 501.177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

39 501.177 1. The Commission may hold not more than nine
40 meetings regularly each year based on need and the requests
41 submitted by the county advisory boards to manage wildlife.

42 2. Special meetings of the Commission may be held at such
43 times and places as the Commission deems proper.



- 1 3. ~~Five~~ *A majority of the* members of the Commission
- 2 ~~constitute~~ *constitutes* a quorum for the transaction of any business
- 3 which may come before the Commission.

