

DNRC Proposed Bills 2017 Legislative Session

Modify commercial leasing rental provisions

The purpose is twofold: to modify commercial leasing rental provisions to clarify valuation processes, and to allow for extended option to lease periods. Proposed changes will clarify land valuation processes for use within the existing minimum lease fee calculation method, including appropriate consideration of market factors when setting commercial lease fees. A limited valuation method prevents excessive spending on appraisals when the net revenues for the lease do not support the cost, and additionally streamlines the leasing and lease renewal process. Additionally, proposed changes will allow for the board to issue options to lease for longer than two years.

Revising the allowable harvest volume from 1 million board feet to 2, in certain circumstances

In cases when the department is required to act immediately to take advantage of access granted by permission of an adjoining landowner and there is only one potential buyer with legal access, the department may negotiate a sale of timber not in excess of two million board feet (instead of one) without offering the timber for bid if the sale is for fair market value.

Repeal computation of assessments statute

This technical change seeks to repeal 76-15-517 to make it consistent with the rate of assessments statute found at 15-10-420.

Repeal county commissioner filing obligation

The obligation on county commissioners found in 76-15-323 is duplicative of Secretary of State obligations. This technical change repeals the filing obligation on county commissioners.

Revise Conservation District term of office and vacancy timeline

This obligations makes it clear that the term of office starts on January 1st. The oath of office is to be taken within 30 days after that.