

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 383

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS  
5 CONSERVATION; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-3303, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
6 DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-3303, MCA, is amended to read:11 **"2-15-3303. Board of oil and gas conservation -- composition -- allocation -- quasi-judicial. (1)**

12 There is a board of oil and gas conservation.

13 (2) The board consists of seven members, ~~three~~;14 (a) two of whom shall must be from the oil and gas industry and have had at least 3 years' experience  
15 in the production of oil and gas and;16 (b) two of whom shall must be landowners residing in oil or gas producing counties of the state but not  
17 actively associated with the oil and gas industry, but one of the two landowners shall be one who owns the  
18 mineral rights with the surface and the other shall be one who does not own the mineral rights;19 (c) one of whom must be a geohydrologist;20 (d) one of whom must be a geomorphologist; and21 (e) one of whom must be a member of the public.

22 (3) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121.

23 However, the board may hire its own personnel, and 2-15-121(2)(d) does not apply. The board may also  
24 prescribe the duties and annual salary of four professional staff positions.

25 (4) The board is designated as a quasi-judicial board for purposes of 2-15-124."

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27 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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29 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Applicability. [This act] applies to vacancies on the board of oil and gas  
30 conservation occurring after [the effective date of this act].

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