

# Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission

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In addition to providing for numerous long-range building projects, House Bill No. 5 (Chapter 469, Laws of 1997) made possible the state's purchase and administration of Virginia and Nevada Cities and other historically significant state properties. To this end, HB 5 established the Heritage Preservation and Development Commission. The Commission consists of 14 members. The two legislative members are chosen by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The Governor appoints nine members of the public with backgrounds in tourism, history and historic preservation, community planning, and business. The directors of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, the Montana Historical Society, and the Montana Department of Commerce also serve on the Commission.

Although the Commission is charged with overseeing the acquisition of culturally and historically significant properties throughout the state, its first order of business is to manage Virginia City and Nevada City.

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