

HOUSE BILL NO. 271
INTRODUCED BY W. MCNUTT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-3502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 2-15-3502, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3502. Board of environmental review. (1) There is a board of environmental review.

(2) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The members must be representative of the geographic areas of the state. ~~One member must have expertise or background in hydrology. One member must have expertise or background in local government planning. One member must have expertise or background in one of the environmental sciences. One member must have expertise or background as a county health officer or as a medical doctor.~~ The following must be included in the membership:

(a) one member from each of the following areas of expertise:

(i) hydrology;

(ii) local government planning; and

(iii) one of the environmental sciences;

(b) one member who is a county health officer or medical doctor;

(c) one member who is a representative of the office of economic development established in 2-15-218;

and

(e) one member who is a representative of an industry regulated by the department of environmental quality.

(3) A vacancy occurring on the board must be filled by the governor in the same manner and from the same representative area as the original appointment.

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

(5) The board is attached to the department of environmental quality for administrative purposes only as provided in 2-15-121."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Applicability.** [This act] applies to vacancies on the board occurring after [the effective date of this act].

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