Amend printed bill, page 10, strike lines 24 and 25 and substitute:

"(5.3) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A:".

Page 13, strike line 18 and substitute "(1) and (2)(a) as follows:".


Page 13, strike lines 23 through 27.

Page 14, strike lines 1 through 20 and substitute:

"(2) (a) (I) Effective July 1, 2007, the commission shall consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and two of whom, the executive director of the department of natural resources and the executive director of the department of public health and environment, shall be ex officio voting members. At least two members shall be appointed from west of the continental divide, and, to the extent possible, consistent with this paragraph (a), the other members shall be appointed taking into account the need for geographical representation of other areas of the state with high levels of oil and gas activity or employment. Three members shall be individuals with substantial experience in the oil and gas industry, and at least two of said three members shall have a college degree in petroleum geology or petroleum engineering; one member shall be a local government official; one member shall have formal training or substantial experience in environmental or wildlife protection; one member shall have formal training or substantial experience in soil conservation or reclamation; and one member shall be actively engaged in agricultural production and also be a royalty owner. Excluding the executive directors.
from consideration, no more than four members of the commission shall be members of the same political party. The members must have the following qualifications based on education, training, and experience:

(A) One member must be a professional in the field of environmental protection;

(B) One member must be a professional in health science or industrial safety;

(C) One member must be an oil and gas royalty owner experienced in farming or ranching operations;

(D) One member must have a professional degree in petroleum geochemistry or petroleum engineering; and

(E) One member must have substantial experience in the oil and gas industry in a management, technical, or legal capacity.

(II) To the extent possible, the members shall be appointed taking into account the need for geographic representation of areas of the state with high levels of oil and gas activity.

(III) The governor shall designate one of the members as chair of the commission, who shall report to the executive director of the department of natural resources at such times and on such matters as the executive director may require.

(IV) The members shall devote their entire time to the duties of their office to the exclusion of any other employment and shall receive such compensation as is designated by law.

(V) A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of its business. The commission shall hold regular meetings on at least a monthly basis and shall retain a qualified person as commission secretary to oversee its operations, including the scheduling of, and agenda for, its meetings and hearings.

Page 14, line 21, strike "(II)" and substitute "(II) (VI)".

Page 17, line 27, strike "DETERMINES" and substitute "DETERMINES, pursuant to objective criteria developed following a comment period to be published by the director within thirty days after the effective date of this subsection (1)(f)(III)(A),".

Page 18, line 3, after the period add "NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SUBSECTION (1)(f)(III)(A), THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE AND WILL TIMELY AND EFFICIENTLY PROCESS A PENDING OIL AND GAS LOCATION OR DRILLING PERMIT APPLICATION IF THE OPERATOR HAS A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR SIMILAR AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY GOVERNING OPERATIONS, HAS OBTAINED A LAND USE PERMIT FROM THE RELEVANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR IS OPERATING IN CONFORMANCE WITH A FEDERAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED LOCATION, WELL, OR WELLS.".

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