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SPORTSMEN'S ACTION NETWORK

Newsletter

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OUR MISSION: To make Arizona sportsmen an effective force in determining political, legislative, educational and administrative issues that promote wildlife, wildlife habitat, and continuation of our hunting and fishing traditions.

Protect Our Hunting Heritage by Supporting SB1200 and HB2189!

Dear Arizona Sportsmen and Sportswomen,

Your assistance is needed to help Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife secure the passage of HB 2189 sponsored by Rep. Jerry Weiers and SB 1200 sponsored by Sen. John Nelson. The passage of these identical bills will provide sportsmen with a stronger voice in the future selection of Game and Fish Commissioners by establishing a Game and Fish Commission Appointment Selection Board.

The Board will be comprised of five members including three sportsmen representatives, one representative from the ranching/cattle industry and one public member or a member of a non-game organization, ensuring that sportsmen representation will be proportional to the contribution they make to fund the Game and Fish Department.

The Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife are opposing the bill, so it will likely be a very close vote in the House and the Senate. Please call your legislator today and ask them to support the bill.

The importance of this bill cannot be understated. Remember, it only takes three of the five Game and Fish Commission members to totally change the direction of the Department on issues of importance to sportsmen, and to our hunting and fishing heritage.

Call or email your legislator today. We urge you to contact the Senators and

Representatives listed at the bottom of this email. A copy of the House bill with amendments that will be attached on the floor is also shown below. Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions please call Suzanne or Casey at 602-712-1121.

Respectfully,

Art Pearce
Chairman, AZSFW Legislative Committee

 Forward to a Friend

Text of HB2189 (with Amendments)

Forty-ninth Legislature
Second Regular Session

Proposed

House of Representatives Amendments to H.B. 2189

(Reference to printed bill)

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Title 17, chapter 2, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,

Is amended by adding section 17-202, to read:

170in Arizona game and fish commission appointment recommendation board

A. THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION BOARD IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 38-211. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF ONE PERSON FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUALIFYING GROUPS:

1. ONE MEMBER DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)3 OR 501(C)4 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF A SIGNIFICANT CROSS-SECTION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMEN ORGANIZATIONS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE, THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN AFFILIATION OR CHARTER WITH A NATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OR SPORTSMAN'S ORGANIZATION AND THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

2. ONE MEMBER DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)3 OR 501(C)4 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WHOSE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS STIPULATE THAT THE MISSION OR PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO INCREASE, SUSTAIN OR OTHERWISE CONSERVE WILD TURKEY, DEER, ELK, PRONGHORN (ANTELOPE), BIGHORN SHEEP, BISON (BUFFALO), DUCKS, QUAIL AND FISH AND THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

3. ONE MEMBER DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)3 OR 501(C)4 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WHOSE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS DEFINE IT AS A SPORTSMAN'S ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS PRIMARILY CONFINED TO A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA OR REGION OF THE STATE OR AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION OR IS A CHAPTER OF A NATIONAL SPORTSMAN'S CONSERVATION OR SHOOTING ORGANIZATION AND THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

4. ONE MEMBER DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)3 OR 501(C)4 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THAT IS STATEWIDE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPRISED OF CATTLEMEN OR RANCHERS AND THAT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

5. ONE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR ONE MEMBER OF A NON GAME ORGANIZATION THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)3 OR (C)4 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

B. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE FIVE YEARS TERMS OF OFFICE. A BOARD MEMBER MUST MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION THE MEMBER REPRESENTED WHEN APPOINTED DURING THE ENTIRE TERM OF OFFICE. THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF BOARD FOR INEFFICIENCY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, NEGLECT OF DUTY OR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND REPLACE THE MEMBER WITH AN INDIVIDUAL FROM THE SAME ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED BY THE FORMER MEMBER. IF A BOARD MEMBER DIES, RESIGNS OR IS REMOVED FROM OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE VACANCY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE SAME ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED BY THE FORMER MEMBER.

C. THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD AT THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT MAIN OFFICE OR AT A REGIONAL OFFICES ON PUBLIC NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING.

D. THE BOARD SHALL ASSIST THE GOVERNOR BY INTERVIEWING, EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR AN OPEN POSITION ON THE COMMISSION AND THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS CLOSED, THE GOVERNOR SHALL DELIVER A FINAL LIST OF THE APPLICANTS TO THE BOARD WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD. THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE LIST OF APPLICANTS AND THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY EACH APPLICANT AND PROCEED TO INTERVIEW, EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND CANDIDATES AS PROVIDED BY THIS

SUBSECTION.

2. IF THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING CANDIDATES TO FILL THE OFFICE OF A COMMISSION MEMBER WHOSE DESIGNATED TERM IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE:

(a) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL HOST A PUBLIC FORUM TO INTERVIEW THE COMMISSION CANDIDATES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC FORUM AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DATE OF THE FORUM.

(b) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25, THE BOARD SHALL RECOMMEND AT LEAST TWO, BUT NO MORE THAN FIVE, CANDIDATES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES. THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT AND APPOINT A COMMISSIONER FROM THE LIST SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD.

3. IF THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING CANDIDATES FOR A VACANCY RESULTING FROM A COMMISSION MEMBER'S DEATH, RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:

(a) NOT LATER THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE FINAL LIST OF COMMISSION CANDIDATES FROM THE GOVERNOR, THE BOARD SHALL HOST A PUBLIC FORUM TO INTERVIEW THE CANDIDATES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC FORUM AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DATE OF THE FORUM.

(b) WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE PUBLIC FORUM, THE BOARD SHALL RECOMMEND AT LEAST TWO, BUT NO MORE THAN FIVE, CANDIDATES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES. THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT AND APPOINT A COMMISSIONER FROM THE LIST SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD.

E. THE BOARD SHALL ASSIST THE GOVERNOR TO IDENTIFY COMMISSION APPLICANTS.

Sec. 2. Initial board members: terms of office

A. Notwithstanding section 17-202, subsection A, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, the governor shall appoint the initial members of the Arizona game and fish commission appointment recommendation board as follows:

1. The member appointed pursuant to section 17-202, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be appointed to a term of five years.

2. The member appointed pursuant to section 17-202, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be appointed to a term of four years.

3. The member appointed pursuant to section 17-202, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be appointed to a term of three years.

4. The member appointed pursuant to section 17-202, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be appointed to a term of two years.

5. The member appointed pursuant to section 17-202, subsection A, paragraph 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be appointed to a term of one year.

B. All subsequent members shall be appointed to terms of five years." Amend title to conform



Legislative Alert- Call Your Legislator TODAY!

The Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife have been working to bring fairness and accountability to the Game and Fish Commission and we are asking all sportsmen and women who are concerned about sportsmen being underrepresented on the Game and Fish Commission to do the same!

Please be sure to remain respectful when asking your Senators and Representatives to support SB1200 and HB2189.

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