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**SENATE BILL 15-225**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE STATE**  
102              **HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103              **CHANGING THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF**  
104              **DIRECTORS AND CREATING A DIRECTORS COUNCIL.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Legislative Audit Committee.** Currently, the Colorado historical society (historical society) is governed by a board of directors (board) elected by members of the historical society. Under the bill, the method

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

of selecting the board is changed to a board appointed by the governor. The governor appoints 5 members with the consent of the senate. Four additional members are selected by the board and submitted to the governor for approval and appointment with the consent of the senate. Members appointed to the board have the authority to act on behalf of the board prior to confirmation by the senate. Terms of members of the board are 3 years, but initial terms are staggered.

There is also established a directors council (council) to advise the board. Members of the council are elected by members of the historical society. The board establishes the number of members of the council and their terms.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The state historical society has been a Colorado nonprofit  
5 corporation since its founding in 1879 and is presently a nonprofit  
6 corporation under the "Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act",  
7 articles 121 to 137 of title 7, C.R.S.

8 (b) The state historical society has also been an educational  
9 institution of the state since 1915 and is a division of the department of  
10 higher education, transferred by a **type 1** transfer to the department of  
11 higher education. Changing the method of selecting the board from a  
12 board elected by the historical society's members to a board appointed by  
13 the governor and confirmed by the senate will better balance the historical  
14 society's needs as a nonprofit corporation with those of a state entity and  
15 strengthen and enhance its relationship with the department of higher  
16 education and the executive and legislative branches.

17 (c) The creation of a directors council is intended to provide the  
18 board with advice, counsel, and expertise from others who are committed  
19 to the historical society's educational mission.

1 (d) The provisions of this act are not intended to alter the state  
2 historical society's status as a Colorado nonprofit corporation; except that  
3 the provisions of this act relating to the selection, terms, and size of the  
4 board of directors govern over any inconsistent provision in the  
5 "Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act", the state historical  
6 society's amended and restated articles, or its bylaws.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-80-201 as  
8 follows:

9 **24-80-201. Society an educational institution.** The state  
10 historical society, an incorporated organization, is hereby declared to be  
11 one of the educational institutions of the state of Colorado. THE STATE  
12 HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXERCISES ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS  
13 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS IF IT WERE  
14 TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A **TYPE 1** TRANSFER UNDER THE  
15 PROVISIONS OF THE "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 1968",  
16 ARTICLE 1 OF THIS TITLE.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-80-201.5 and  
18 24-80-201.7 as follows:

19 **24-80-201.5. State historical society - board - appointment -**  
20 **powers and duties - repeal.** (1) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, THE BOARD OF  
21 DIRECTORS OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REFERRED TO IN THIS PART  
22 2 AS THE "BOARD" OR "BOARD OF DIRECTORS", CONSISTS OF NINE  
23 MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (2) (a) (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT, WITH THE CONSENT OF  
25 THE SENATE, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE  
26 THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2015, TO BE EFFECTIVE  
27 JULY 1, 2015. IF THERE IS A VACANCY OF A MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT

1 TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I), THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A NEW  
2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

3 (II) (A) THE FOUR REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE  
4 SELECTED BY THE BOARD FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE  
5 CONSENT OF THE SENATE. THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT THE NAME OR NAMES  
6 OF PERSONS SELECTED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO THE GOVERNOR.  
7 UPON APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, THE NAME OF THE APPOINTEE IS  
8 FORWARDED TO THE SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION. IF THE GOVERNOR DOES  
9 NOT APPROVE OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BOARD, THE GOVERNOR  
10 SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF HIS OR HER DECISION, AND THE BOARD  
11 SHALL SUBMIT A NEW RECOMMENDATION. THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS ARE  
12 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015.

13 (B) FOR THE INITIAL SELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, THE  
14 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE AS OF  
15 JUNE 1, 2015, SHALL SELECT FOUR PERSONS AND SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO  
16 THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2015, PURSUANT TO  
17 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II).

18 (C) IF THERE IS A VACANCY OR AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM  
19 OF A MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THE  
20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL SUBMIT A NAME OR NAMES TO THE  
21 GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS  
22 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) FOR APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, OR TO FILL AN  
23 UNEXPIRED TERM.

24 (b) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH (b),  
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS. THE MEMBERS FIRST  
26 APPOINTED TO THE BOARD TAKE OFFICE ON JULY 1, 2015. OF THE  
27 APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO TAKE OFFICE ON JULY 1, 2015, THE

1 GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE:

2 (I) THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO HAVE TERMS EXPIRING ON  
3 JULY 1, 2016, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
4 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2);

5 (II) THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO HAVE TERMS EXPIRING ON  
6 JULY 1, 2017, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO  
7 SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2); AND

8 (III) THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO HAVE TERMS EXPIRING ON  
9 JULY 1, 2018, INCLUDING TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED PURSUANT  
10 TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).  
11 THEREAFTER, THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE THREE  
12 YEARS.

13 (c) IN APPOINTING THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE  
14 GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE THAT COLLECTIVELY THE MEMBERS POSSESS  
15 THE SKILLS IN STATE FINANCIAL, LEGAL, AND REGULATORY EXPERTISE AS  
16 REQUIRED TO OVERSEE THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND SHALL  
17 CONSIDER BOTH GEOGRAPHIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE MEMBERS  
18 OF THE NINE MEMBERS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT NO MORE THAN  
19 FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

20 (d) MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO  
21 ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO OBTAINING CONFIRMATION BY  
22 THE SENATE.

23 (3) THE BOARD APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
24 CONSTITUTES THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE STATE HISTORICAL  
25 SOCIETY AND SHALL EXERCISE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES AND  
26 FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INCLUDING  
27 THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS PART 2 OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.

1 (4) POLICIES, PROCEDURES, BYLAWS, RESOLUTIONS, AND  
2 AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2015, REMAIN  
3 IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNLESS AND UNTIL CHANGED BY THE BOARD  
4 TAKING OFFICE JULY 1, 2015.

5 (5) (a) THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE  
6 BOARD HOLDING OFFICE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2015, TERMINATE ON JUNE 30,  
7 2015.

8 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

9 **24-80-201.7. Directors council - creation - election - duties.**

10 (1) THERE IS CREATED THE DIRECTORS COUNCIL OF THE STATE  
11 HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REFERRED TO IN THIS PART 2 AS THE "DIRECTORS  
12 COUNCIL". THE DIRECTORS COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE ADVICE, COUNSEL,  
13 AND EXPERTISE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE STATE  
14 HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S OPERATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHING ITS MISSION AND  
15 OBJECTIVES. MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORS COUNCIL ARE ELECTED BY THE  
16 MEMBERS OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PURSUANT TO NOMINATION  
17 PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

18 (2) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE DIRECTORS  
19 COUNCIL. THE BYLAWS MUST INCLUDE:

20 (a) THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORS COUNCIL;

21 (b) THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORS  
22 COUNCIL; AND

23 (c) PROCEDURES WHEN THERE IS A VACANCY ON THE DIRECTORS  
24 COUNCIL.

25 **SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,**  
26 **determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate**  
27 **preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.** \_\_\_\_\_