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SENATE BILL 16-156

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES, AND,
102 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING THE MANNER IN
103 WHICH MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEES AND
104 SPECIFYING THAT THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE
105 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALSO
106 SERVE AS CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE
107 COUNCIL.

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/bills summaries>.)

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.

Executive Committee of the Legislative Council. The manner in which members are appointed to the legislative audit committee, the committee on legal services, and the legislative council is modified to:

- ! Provide for certain appointments to be made by the minority leaders of the house of representatives and the senate; and
- ! Eliminate the requirement that appointments to these committees be approved by a majority of the members of the house of representatives or the senate, as appropriate.

Currently, the legislative council annually elects a chair and vice-chair from its membership. The bill specifies that the chair and vice-chair of the executive committee now also serve as the chair and vice-chair of the legislative council.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-101, **amend** (1)
3 as follows:

4 **2-3-101. Legislative audit committee - membership - meetings**
5 **- powers and duties.** (1) There is hereby created a legislative audit
6 committee, ~~hereinafter~~ referred to IN THIS PART 1 as the "committee". The
7 ~~membership of the committee shall consist~~ CONSISTS of four senators, two
8 from each major political party, to be appointed by the president AND THE
9 MINORITY LEADER of the senate, ~~with the approval of a majority of the~~
10 ~~members elected to the senate~~ RESPECTIVELY, and four representatives,
11 two from each major political party, to be appointed by the speaker AND
12 THE MINORITY LEADER of the house of representatives, ~~with the approval~~
13 ~~of a majority of the members elected to the house of representatives~~
14 RESPECTIVELY. Appointments to the committee shall be made no later
15 than sixty days after the convening of the first regular session of the
16 general assembly held in each odd-numbered year. Membership on the
17 committee ~~shall terminate~~ TERMINATES with the appointment of a

1 member's successor or upon the termination of a member's term of office
2 in the general assembly, whichever occurs first, and any member may be
3 appointed to succeed himself OR HERSELF on the committee. Vacancies
4 in the committee's membership ~~shall be~~ ARE filled in the same manner as
5 original appointments. ~~except that the approval of the members elected~~
6 ~~to the general assembly is not necessary if any such appointment is made~~
7 ~~when the general assembly is not in session.~~

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-301, **amend** (1)
9 as follows:

10 **2-3-301. Legislative council created - executive committee**
11 **created.** (1) There is hereby created a legislative council, referred to in
12 this part 3 as the "council", which ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of an executive
13 committee, six senators, ~~to be~~ WITH MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERS appointed
14 by the president of the senate ~~with the approval of a majority vote of the~~
15 ~~members elected to~~ AND MINORITY PARTY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE
16 MINORITY LEADER OF the senate, and six representatives, ~~to be~~ WITH
17 MAJORITY PARTY MEMBERS appointed by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives ~~with the approval of a majority vote of the members~~
19 ~~elected to~~ AND MINORITY PARTY MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY
20 LEADER OF the house of representatives. Except as otherwise provided in
21 subsection (1.5) of this section, the executive committee ~~shall be~~
22 ~~comprised~~ CONSISTS of the president of the senate, the majority leader of
23 the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives, the majority leader of the house of representatives, and
25 the minority leader of the house of representatives, all of whom ~~shall be~~
26 ARE ex officio members of the council. The speaker of the house of
27 representatives and the president of the senate shall alternately serve as

1 the ~~chairman~~ CHAIR and ~~vice-chairman~~ VICE-CHAIR of the executive
2 committee and ~~shall~~ serve for one-year terms. All ex officio members of
3 the council ~~shall~~ have and MAY exercise all the powers, privileges, and
4 duties of other members.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-302, **amend** (1)
6 as follows:

7 **2-3-302. Organization - meetings.** (1) The ~~council shall select~~
8 ~~a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership, who shall~~
9 ~~serve for one-year terms~~ CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE
10 COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL;
11 and ~~it~~ THE COUNCIL shall prescribe its own rules of procedure, and may
12 appoint subcommittees from the membership of the general assembly and
13 other persons to assist in carrying out its functions.

14 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-502, **amend** (3)
15 as follows:

16 **2-3-502. Committee on legal services - membership - duties.**
17 (3) The membership of the committee ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of ten
18 members of the general assembly. The ten legislative members of the
19 committee ~~shall be~~ ARE as follows: The respective ~~chairmen~~ CHAIRS of
20 the house and senate committees on judiciary or their respective
21 designees; four members from the house of representatives, two from
22 each major political party, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-law, if
23 there is an attorney-at-law in each party, appointed by the speaker AND
24 THE MINORITY LEADER of the house of representatives, ~~with the approval~~
25 ~~of a majority of the members elected to the house of representatives~~
26 RESPECTIVELY; and four members from the senate, two from each major
27 political party, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-law, if there is an

1 attorney-at-law in each party, appointed by the president AND THE
2 MINORITY LEADER of the senate, ~~with the approval of a majority of the~~
3 ~~members elected to the senate~~ RESPECTIVELY.

4 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.