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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE BILL 21-1212

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DIVERSITY OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE**
102 **GOVERNOR TO BOARDS AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL**
103 **ASSEMBLY.**

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://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the governor to appoint members of diverse groups to statewide boards, commissions, committees, and task forces authorized by the general assembly.

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-20-115 as
3 follows:

4 **24-20-115. Appointments by the governor - diversity -**
5 **definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS ANY
6 STATEWIDE BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, OR TASK FORCE
7 AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WHICH ALL OF ITS MEMBERS
8 ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

9 (2) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS
10 TO OR FILLING VACANCIES OF ANY BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL, TO THE
11 EXTENT POSSIBLE, APPOINT MEMBERS THAT, ALONG WITH MEETING THE
12 BOARD'S SPECIFIED MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, REFLECT THE
13 GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE ENTIRE STATE,
14 INCLUDING MEMBERS FROM BOTH RURAL AND URBAN PARTS OF THE STATE,
15 AND MEMBERS OF DIVERSE POLITICAL, RACIAL, AND CULTURAL GROUPS
16 AND OF DIVERSE SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS AND GENDERS.

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
20 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
21 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
22 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
23 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.