

# SENATE BILL NO. 569

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ROBERTS.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 644.021, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the membership requirements of the clean water commission.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 644.021, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 644.021,  
3 to read as follows:

644.021. 1. There is hereby created a water  
2 contaminant control agency to be known as the "Clean Water  
3 Commission of the State of Missouri", whose domicile for the  
4 purposes of sections 644.006 to 644.141 shall be deemed to  
5 be that of the department of natural resources. The  
6 commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the  
7 governor with the advice and consent of the senate. No more  
8 than four of the members shall belong to the same political  
9 party. All members shall be representative of the general  
10 interest of the public and shall have an interest in and  
11 knowledge of conservation and the effects and control of  
12 water contaminants. [At least two members shall be  
13 knowledgeable concerning the needs of agriculture, industry  
14 or mining and interested in protecting these needs] **Each**  
15 **member of the commission shall serve** in a manner consistent  
16 with the purposes of sections 644.006 to 644.141 [. One  
17 member shall be knowledgeable concerning the needs of  
18 publicly owned wastewater treatment works. No more than

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19 four members shall represent the public. No member shall  
20 receive, or have received during the previous two years, a  
21 significant portion of his or her income directly or  
22 indirectly from permit holders or applicants for a permit  
23 pursuant to any federal water pollution control act as  
24 amended and as applicable to this state] **and the commission**  
25 **shall be comprised of the following members:**

26 (1) **One member knowledgeable concerning the needs of**  
27 **agriculture;**

28 (2) **One member knowledgeable concerning the needs of**  
29 **industry or mining;**

30 (3) **One member knowledgeable concerning the needs of**  
31 **publicly owned wastewater treatment works; and**

32 (4) **Four members representing the public.**

33 All members appointed on or after August 28, 2002, shall  
34 have demonstrated an interest and knowledge about water  
35 quality. All members appointed on or after August 28, 2002,  
36 shall be qualified by interest, education, training or  
37 experience to provide, assess and evaluate scientific and  
38 technical information concerning water quality, financial  
39 requirements and the effects of the promulgation of  
40 standards, rules and regulations. At the first meeting of  
41 the commission and [at yearly intervals] **annually**  
42 thereafter, the members shall select from among themselves a  
43 chairman and a vice chairman. **The governor shall not**  
44 **appoint any person who has a substantial interest, as**  
45 **defined in section 105.450, in any business entity regulated**  
46 **under this chapter or any business entity which would be**  
47 **regulated under this chapter if located in the state. The**  
48 **commission shall establish rules which specify when members**  
49 **shall exempt themselves from participating in discussions**

50 and from voting on issues before the commission due to  
51 potential conflict of interest. Prior to any vote on any  
52 variance, appeal, or order, the commission shall adopt a  
53 rule to exclude from such vote any member with a conflict of  
54 interest. Any person may appeal the appointment of a member  
55 on the grounds of conflict of interest. A member of the  
56 commission has a conflict of interest when he or she is able  
57 to utilize the commission to obtain a personal or  
58 professional benefit outside the jurisdiction of the  
59 commission. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
60 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
61 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
62 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
63 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
64 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
65 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
66 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
67 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
68 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
69 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
70 2025, shall be invalid and void.

71 2. The members' terms of office shall be four years  
72 and until their successors are selected and qualified.  
73 Provided, however, that the first three members appointed  
74 shall serve a term of two years, the next three members  
75 appointed shall serve a term of four years, thereafter all  
76 members appointed shall serve a term of four years. There  
77 is no limitation on the number of terms any appointed member  
78 may serve. If a vacancy occurs the governor may appoint a  
79 member for the remaining portion of the unexpired term  
80 created by the vacancy. The governor may remove any  
81 appointed member for cause. The members of the commission

82 shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually  
83 and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

84 3. The commission shall hold at least four regular  
85 meetings each year and such additional meetings as the  
86 chairman deems desirable at a place and time to be fixed by  
87 the chairman. Special meetings may be called by three  
88 members of the commission upon delivery of written notice to  
89 each member of the commission. Reasonable written notice of  
90 all meetings shall be given by the director to all members  
91 of the commission. Four members of the commission shall  
92 constitute a quorum. All powers and duties conferred  
93 specifically upon members of the commission shall be  
94 exercised personally by the members and not by alternates or  
95 representatives. All actions of the commission shall be  
96 taken at meetings open to the public. Any member absent  
97 from ~~[six]~~ **four** consecutive regular commission meetings for  
98 any cause whatsoever shall be deemed to have resigned and  
99 the vacancy shall be filled immediately in accordance with  
100 subsection ~~[1]~~ **2** of this section.

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