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HOUSE BILL 504

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE  
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 73-20-28 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,  
Chapter 137, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"73-20-28. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEMBERS.--There is created a "soil and water conservation  
commission" to be composed of seven appointed members and five  
ex-officio members. The seven appointed members shall be  
selected by ~~[and serve at the pleasure of]~~ the governor and be  
confirmed by the senate. Six of the appointed members shall be  
supervisors ~~[and shall be selected and appointed from a panel~~  
~~of three candidates]~~ currently serving in an elected position  
on a district board. One supervisor from each region ~~[compiled~~

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1 ~~by the districts of each region and presented by the president~~  
2 ~~of the New Mexico association of conservation districts]~~ shall  
3 be appointed from a list of candidates submitted by the  
4 districts of each region to the director. The director shall  
5 solicit comments regarding the candidates from the president of  
6 the New Mexico association of conservation districts prior to  
7 submission of the list to the governor. One appointed member  
8 shall be selected at large and shall be a person interested and  
9 active in the conservation or development of natural resources  
10 in New Mexico. The five ex-officio members shall serve without  
11 vote and shall include:

12 A. the governor or [~~his~~] the governor's designee;

13 B. the associate director of the cooperative  
14 extension service of New Mexico state university or [~~his~~] the  
15 associate director's designee;

16 C. the associate director of the agricultural  
17 experiment station of New Mexico state university or [~~his~~] the  
18 associate director's designee;

19 D. the state conservationist of the natural  
20 resources conservation service of the United States department  
21 of agriculture or [~~his~~] the state conservationist's designee;  
22 and

23 E. the president of the New Mexico association of  
24 conservation districts or [~~his~~] the president's designee."

25 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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1 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.

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