

1 *Senate* BILL NO. 82  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Assembly* *Franklin Dymally*  
 3 *John R. Saylor*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE  
 5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL; AMENDING  
 6 SECTIONS 69-6508 AND 69-6510, R.C.M. 1947."

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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:  
 9 Section 1. Section 69-6508, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
 10 read as follows:

11 "69-6508. Environmental quality council. (1) The  
 12 environmental quality council shall consist of ~~thirteen (13)~~  
 13 ~~members to be as follows:~~

14 ~~(a) The governor or his designated representative~~  
 15 ~~shall be an ex-officio member of the council and shall~~  
 16 ~~participate in council meetings as a nonvoting member.~~

17 ~~(b) Four (4) members of the senate and four (4)~~  
 18 ~~members of the house of representatives appointed before the~~  
 19 ~~fiftieth legislative day in the same manner as standing~~  
 20 ~~committees of the respective houses are appointed. A vacancy~~  
 21 ~~on the council occurring when the legislature is not in~~  
 22 ~~session shall be filled by the selection of a member of the~~  
 23 ~~legislature by the remaining members of the council. No~~  
 24 ~~more than two (2) of the appointees of each house shall be~~  
 25 ~~members of the same political party.~~

1 ~~(c) Four (4) members of the general public, two (2)~~  
 2 ~~public members shall be appointed by the speaker of the~~  
 3 ~~house with the consent of the house minority leaders and two~~  
 4 ~~(2) shall be appointed by the president of the senate with~~  
 5 ~~the consent of the senate minority leaders.~~

6 ~~In considering the appointments of (b) and (c) above,~~  
 7 ~~consideration shall be given to their qualifications to~~  
 8 ~~analyze and interpret environmental trends and information~~  
 9 ~~of all kinds; to appraise programs and activities of the~~  
 10 ~~state government in the light of the policy set forth in~~  
 11 ~~section 69-6503 of this act; to be conscious and responsive~~  
 12 ~~to the scientific, economic, social, aesthetic, and cultural~~  
 13 ~~needs and interests of the state; and to formulate and~~  
 14 ~~recommend state policies to promote the improvement of the~~  
 15 ~~quality of the environment.~~

16 (a) four members of the house of representatives  
 17 appointed by the speaker of the house, no more than two of  
 18 whom may be of the same political party; and

19 (b) four members of the senate appointed by the  
 20 committee on committees of the senate, no more than two of  
 21 whom may be of the same political party.

22 (2) Membership on the council is for 2 years and  
 23 terminates with the appointment of a new council or on the  
 24 50th legislative day of the next regular session following  
 25 the one in which the appointment was made, whichever event

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1 occurs first.

2 (3) A new council shall be appointed no later than the  
3 50th day of each regular session. A vacancy on the council  
4 occurring when the legislature is not in session shall be  
5 filled by the selection of another member by the same method  
6 as the original appointment."

7 Section 2. Section 69-6510, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 "69-6510. Meetings. The council may determine the time  
10 and place of its meetings but shall meet at least once each  
11 quarter. Each member of the council ~~shall unless he is a~~  
12 ~~full-time-salaried-officer-or-employee-of-this-state-be~~  
13 ~~paid-twenty-five-dollars-(\$25)-for-each-day-in-which-he-is~~  
14 ~~actually-and-necessarily~~ while engaged in the performance of  
15 council duties ~~and shall also be reimbursed for actual and~~  
16 ~~necessary expenses incurred while in the performance of~~  
17 ~~council duties. Members who are full-time-salaried-officers~~  
18 ~~or-employees-of-this-state-may-not-be-compensated-for-their~~  
19 ~~service-as-members-but-shall-be-reimbursed-for-their~~  
20 ~~expenses~~ is entitled to:

21 (a) a mileage allowance as provided in 59-801 for each  
22 mile of travel;

23 (b) a daily salary as provided in 43-310; and

24 (c) travel expenses as provided in 59-538 and 59-539."

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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 68-77

## FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 13, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 82 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill would reduce the number of Environmental Quality Council (EQC) members from its present thirteen (13) to eight (8).

## ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Appointees to the EQC would be from various areas of the state, with no more than one (1) being from the Helena area.
2. Salary of EQC members increases from \$25 per day to \$31.62 per day.
3. The number of meetings during the year remains at seven (7).
4. Mileage for EQC members remains at 15 cents per mile.
5. EQC members daily expenses will be \$26 per day.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Since membership in the EQC is being reduced, the following cost reductions will result per year:

	<u>Current Law</u>	<u>Proposed Law</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Compensation	\$2,100	\$1,771	(\$ 329)
Travel	3,540	2,510	( 1,030)
Meals and Lodging	<u>2,184</u>	<u>1,456</u>	<u>(728)</u>
	<u>\$7,824</u>	<u>\$5,737</u>	<u>(\$2,087)</u>

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