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game and fish commission; membership.

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# HOUSE BILL 2162

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE GAME  
AND FISH COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 17-201. Game and fish department and game and fish commission  
5 members; appointment; removal; meetings

6 A. The laws of the state relating to wildlife shall be administered  
7 by the game and fish department. Control of the department is vested in  
8 the game and fish commission. The commission shall consist of five  
9 members, appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211. Not more  
10 than three members shall be members of the same political party, ~~and~~ no  
11 two members may be residents of the same county **AND NOT LESS THAN ONE**  
12 **MEMBER SHALL BE A CATTLEMAN OR RANCHER.** Members shall be well informed on  
13 the subject of wildlife and requirements for its conservation.  
14 Appointments shall be for a term of five years and shall expire on the  
15 third Monday in January of the appropriate year.

16 B. The governor may, after **A** public hearing, remove a member for  
17 inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office. Upon removal of a  
18 member the governor shall file in the office of the secretary of state a  
19 complete statement of all charges made against the members and his  
20 findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

21 C. Each member of the commission while attending general or  
22 specific meetings of the commission or while performing official duties  
23 for the commission shall receive compensation as determined pursuant to  
24 section 38-611. A commission member who is otherwise employed as a public  
25 officer shall not receive such payment if it is prohibited by law.  
26 Compensation and expenses shall be paid monthly from the game and fish  
27 fund.

28 D. The commission shall have its principal office at the state  
29 capitol but meetings may be held at any time or place within the state.  
30 The commission shall meet at least once quarterly. Meetings may be held  
31 at the call of the chairman or majority of the commission. A majority of  
32 the commission shall constitute a quorum to transact business.