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H. R. 2898

To amend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to modify the appointment and composition of resource advisory committees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2017

Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself and Mr. WESTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to modify the appointment and composition of resource advisory committees.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “RAC Reform Act of
5 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF RESOURCE**
2 **ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205 of the Secure Rural
4 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
5 (16 U.S.C. 7125) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “The
8 Secretary concerned” and inserting “The appli-
9 cable department official”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking “the Sec-
11 retary concerned” and inserting “the applicable
12 department official”;

13 (2) in subsection (b)(6), by striking “the Sec-
14 retary concerned” and inserting “the applicable de-
15 partment official”;

16 (3) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
18 “BY THE SECRETARY” and inserting “BY THE
19 APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL”;

20 (B) in paragraph (1)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
22 “The Secretary concerned,” and inserting
23 “Except as provided in subparagraph (C),
24 the applicable department official”;

25 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
26 “The Secretary concerned” and inserting

1 “Except as provided in subparagraph (C),
2 the applicable department official”; and

3 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new subparagraph:

5 “(C) EXCEPTION.—For purposes of apply-
6 ing the 4-year term limit under subparagraphs
7 (A) and (B) to a member of a resource advisory
8 committee, the applicable department official
9 shall not count as a year of the member’s term
10 any year of service the majority of which was
11 served during a fiscal year for which the budget
12 of the resource advisory committee was less
13 than \$1,000,000.”;

14 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “The
15 Secretary concerned” and inserting “The appli-
16 cable department official”;

17 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “The
18 Secretary concerned” and inserting “The appli-
19 cable department official”; and

20 (E) by adding at the end the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(6) APPLICABLE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘applicable depart-
24 ment official’ means—

1 “(A) with respect to Federal land de-
2 scribed in section 3(7)(A), the applicable Re-
3 gional Forester; and

4 “(B) with respect to Federal land de-
5 scribed in section 3(7)(B), the applicable Bu-
6 reau of Land Management State Director.”;

7 (4) in subsection (d)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “15
9 members” and inserting “9 members”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “5 per-
11 sons” each place it appears and inserting “3
12 persons”; and

13 (C) by striking “the Secretary concerned”
14 both places it appears and inserting “the appli-
15 cable department official”; and

16 (5) in subsection (f)—

17 (A) by striking “the Secretary concerned”
18 and inserting “the applicable department offi-
19 cial”; and

20 (B) by striking “the Secretary” and insert-
21 ing “the applicable department official”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 201(3)(A)
23 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
24 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7121(3)(A)) is amended

- 1 by inserting “or applicable department official (as defined
- 2 in section 205(c)(6))” after “Secretary concerned”.

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