
7 U.S. Code § 2009bb-1

Northern Great Plains Regional Authority

(a) Establishment

(1) In general

There is established the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority.

(2) Composition

The Authority shall be composed of—

- (A) a Federal member, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (B) the Governor (or a designee of the Governor) of each State in the region that elects to participate in the Authority; and
- (C) a member of an Indian tribe, who shall be a chairperson of an Indian tribe in the region or a designee of such a chairperson, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(3) Cochairpersons

The Authority shall be headed by—

- (A) the Federal member, who shall serve—
 - (i) as the Federal cochairperson; and
 - (ii) as a liaison between the Federal Government and the Authority;
- (B) a State cochairperson, who—
 - (i) shall be a Governor of a participating State in the region; and
 - (ii) shall be elected by the State members for a term of not less than 1 year; and
- (C) the member of an Indian tribe, who shall serve—
 - (i) as the tribal cochairperson; and
 - (ii) as a liaison between the governments of Indian tribes in the region and the Authority.

(4) Failure to confirm

(A) Federal member

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if a Federal member described in paragraph (2)(A) has not been confirmed by the Senate by not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Authority may organize and operate without the Federal member.

(B) Indian Chairperson

In the case of the Indian Chairperson, if no Indian Chairperson is confirmed by the Senate, the regional authority shall consult and coordinate with the leaders of Indian tribes in the region concerning the activities of the Authority, as appropriate.

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