

HOUSE BILL No. 4579

April 5, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Hansen and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 36204 (MCL 324.36204), as added by 2000 PA 262.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 36204. (1) The agricultural preservation fund board is
2 created within the department.

3 (2) The board shall consist of the following members:

4 (a) The director of the department or his or her designee.

5 (b) The director of the department of natural resources or his
6 or her designee.

7 (c) ~~Five~~**SEVEN** individuals appointed by the governor as
8 follows:

9 (i) Two individuals representing agricultural interests.

1 (ii) One individual representing conservation interests.

2 (iii) One individual representing development interests.

3 (iv) **TWO INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP PURCHASE**
4 **OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAMS.**

5 (v) ~~(iv)~~ One individual representing the general public.

6 (d) In addition to the members described in subdivisions (a)
7 to (c), the director of the department may appoint 2 individuals
8 with knowledge and expertise in agriculture or land use, or local
9 government, as nonvoting members.

10 (3) The members first appointed to the board shall be
11 appointed within 60 days after ~~the effective date of this section~~
12 **JUNE 29, 2000.**

13 (4) Members of the board appointed under subsection (2)(c) and
14 (d) shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is
15 appointed, whichever is later. However, of the members first
16 appointed under subsection (2)(c), 1 shall be appointed for a term
17 of 2 years, 2 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, and 2 shall
18 be appointed for terms of 4 years. **THE 2 MEMBERS INITIALLY**
19 **APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(C) (iv) REPRESENTING COUNTY OR**
20 **TOWNSHIP PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAMS SHALL BE APPOINTED**
21 **FOR 2-YEAR TERMS.**

22 (5) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum
23 for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A
24 majority of the members present and serving are required for
25 official action of the board.

26 (6) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
27 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for their actual

1 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
2 official duties as members of the board.

3 (7) The board shall annually elect a chairperson and a vice-
4 chairperson from among its members.

5 (8) The board may remove a member of the board for
6 incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
7 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

8 (9) A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired
9 term in the same manner as the original appointment.