

# HOUSE BILL No. 4989

July 13, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Sikkema, Emerson, Bryant, Willis Bullard, Krause, Sparks, Crandall, Miller, Emmons, Perry Bullard, London, Dolan and Middaugh and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to establish the governor's council on environmental quality; to prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
2 "governor's council on environmental quality act".

3       Sec. 2. As used in this act, "council" means the governor's  
4 council on environmental quality established in section 3.

5       Sec. 3. (1) The governor's council on environmental quality  
6 is established in the executive office of the governor.

7       (2) The council shall consist of 10 members. Six shall be  
8 public members who shall serve 3-year terms except that of the  
9 members first appointed, 1 shall serve a 1-year term and 2 shall  
10 serve a 2-year term. Four shall be the directors of the  
11 departments of public health, natural resources, agriculture, and

1 commerce. The chairperson of the council shall be designated by  
2 the governor and shall serve a single 2-year term as  
3 chairperson.

4       Sec. 4. The council shall have the following duties and  
5 responsibilities:

6       (a) To advise the governor on necessary and desirable poli-  
7 cies designed to assure the protection and wise management of the  
8 state's environment both in the immediate future and the 21st  
9 century.

10       (b) To monitor the overall health and quality of the state's  
11 environment and its effect on human health and quality of life.

12       (c) To assess from time to time and publish reports on the  
13 quality of the state's environment and the adequacy of informa-  
14 tion on the effects of human activities on the environment.

15       (d) To promote coordination of environmental policies, pro-  
16 grams, and actions involving agencies and departments of state  
17 government; and to receive comment and concerns from the public  
18 on those policies, programs, and actions.

19       (e) To promote responsible and foresighted environmental  
20 stewardship by state agencies, businesses, institutions, local  
21 governments, and individual citizens, and to contribute to both  
22 local and global environmental quality.

23       (f) To set forth guidelines to be used by state departments  
24 and agencies for the preparation of environmental impact state-  
25 ments and environmental assessments which shall be required for  
26 each proposed major state action significantly affecting the  
27 environment, and to monitor compliance with the guidelines. At

1 the request of the governor or the council, all state departments  
2 and agencies shall forward draft environmental impact statements  
3 and environmental assessments to the council for its review prior  
4 to the proposed state action. The council shall then advise the  
5 governor on its recommendations concerning the adequacy of the  
6 environmental impact statement or assessment and the merits of  
7 the proposed state action.

8 (g) To develop, collect, review, and comment on innovative  
9 environmental policies, programs, and proposals developed by fed-  
10 eral, state, and local governments.

11 Sec. 5. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate  
12 with the council in the performance of its responsibilities. The  
13 council may request, and state departments and agencies shall  
14 provide, staff assistance to prepare such policy and technical  
15 information as is required by the council in the discharge of its  
16 responsibilities.