

HOUSE BILL No. 4227

February 21, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Cambensy, Howell, Chirkun, LaFave, Markkanen, Leutheuser, O'Malley, Sabo, Brixie, Wentworth, Elder, Gay-Dagnogo and Peterson and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to create a committee on Michigan's mining future; to provide for the powers and duties of certain governmental officers and agencies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act, "committee" means the committee
2 on Michigan's mining future created in section 2(1).

3 Sec. 2. (1) The committee on Michigan's mining future is
4 created within the department of environmental quality.

5 (2) The committee shall consist of the following members:

6 (a) Ten members appointed by the governor as follows:

7 (i) A member of a local chapter of an international steel
8 workers union representing workers at an ongoing ferrous mining
9 operation in this state or workers from an idled ferrous mining
10 operation in this state.

1 (ii) A member representing a ferrous mining operation in this
2 state.

3 (iii) A member representing a metallic nonferrous mining
4 operation in this state.

5 (iv) A member representing an aggregate mining operation in
6 this state

7 (v) Two members, each representing an environmental nonprofit
8 organization in this state, with expertise in mining.

9 (vi) Two current or former research faculty members at a
10 university in this state that hold a master's or doctorate degree
11 in mining or geology.

12 (vii) An individual with other relevant experience.

13 (viii) A member of a federally recognized Indian tribe who is
14 a resident of this state.

15 (b) The directors of the following, or their designees:

16 (i) The Michigan economic development corporation, as defined
17 in section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL
18 125.2004.

19 (ii) The department of natural resources.

20 (iii) The department of environmental quality.

21 (c) A designee of each of the following:

22 (i) The state senator for the senate district with the highest
23 production from metallic mineral mines in this state in the
24 calendar year preceding the year in which the appointment is made.

25 (ii) The state representative for the house district with the
26 highest production from metallic mineral mines in this state in the
27 calendar year preceding the year in which the appointment is made.

1 (3) The members first appointed to the committee under
2 subsection (2) (a) shall be appointed within 30 days after the
3 effective date of this act.

4 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the committee for a position under
5 subsection (2) (a) or (c), the vacancy shall be filled in the same
6 manner as the original appointment.

7 (5) The governor may remove a member of the committee
8 appointed under subsection (2) (a) or (4) for incompetence,
9 dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in
10 office, or any other good cause.

11 (6) The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the
12 director of the department of environmental quality or his or her
13 designee. At the first meeting, the committee shall elect from
14 among its members a chairperson and other officers as it considers
15 necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the committee
16 shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of
17 the chairperson or if requested by 3 or more members.

18 (7) A majority of the members of the committee constitute a
19 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the
20 committee. A majority of the members present and serving are
21 required for official action of the committee.

22 (8) The business that the committee may perform shall be
23 conducted at a public meeting of the committee held in compliance
24 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. A
25 writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by
26 the committee in the performance of an official function is subject
27 to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to

1 15.246.

2 (9) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation.
3 However, members of the committee may be reimbursed for their
4 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
5 official duties as members of the committee.

6 Sec. 3. The committee shall do all of the following:

7 (a) Recommend actions to strengthen and develop a sustainable,
8 more diversified mining and minerals industry in this state.

9 (b) Evaluate government policies that affect the mining and
10 minerals industry.

11 (c) Recommend public policy strategies to enhance the growth
12 of the mining and minerals industry, especially for research and
13 development in pellet production for the next generation of mining.

14 (d) Advise on the development of partnerships between
15 industries, institutions, environmental groups, funding groups, and
16 state and federal resources and other entities.

17 Sec. 4. Within 60 days after the committee is dissolved under
18 section 5(1), the department of environmental quality's oil, gas,
19 and minerals division, or a successor division, shall submit a
20 report on the committee's work to the governor, the legislature,
21 this state's United States Senators, and members of this state's
22 United States congressional delegation.

23 Sec. 5. (1) The committee is dissolved 2 years after the
24 effective date of this act.

25 (2) This act is repealed 90 days after the committee is
26 dissolved.