

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.

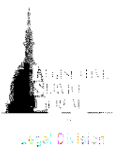
A bill to create a committee on Michigan's mining future; to provide for the powers and duties of certain governmental officers and agencies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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:



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

2 (i) A member of a local chapter of an international steel
3 workers union representing workers at an ongoing ferrous mining
4 operation in this state or workers from an idled ferrous mining
5 operation in this state.

6 (ii) A member representing a ferrous mining operation in this
7 state.

8 (iii) A member representing a metallic nonferrous mining
9 operation in this state.

10 (iv) A member representing an aggregate mining operation in
11 this state

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

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

17 (vii) An individual with other relevant experience.

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

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

21 (i) The Michigan economic development corporation, as defined
22 in section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL
23 125.2004.

24 (ii) The department of natural resources.

25 (iii) The department of environmental quality.

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

27 (i) The state senator for the senate district with the highest
28 production from metallic mineral mines in this state in the



1 calendar year preceding the year in which the appointment is made.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (8) The business that the committee may perform shall be
27 conducted at a public meeting of the committee held in compliance
28 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. A
29 writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by



1 the committee in the performance of an official function is subject
2 to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to
3 15.246.

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

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

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

11 (b) Evaluate government policies that affect the mining and
12 minerals industry.

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

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

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

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

27 (2) This act is repealed 90 days after the committee is
28 dissolved.

