

SENATE BILL NO. 486

May 26, 2021, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43540e (MCL 324.43540e), as added by 2012 PA 520.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43540e. (1) The wolf management advisory council is
2 created within the department.

3 (2) The council shall consist of at least the following
4 members:

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

2 (b) One member representing an organization that promotes
3 conservation in this state appointed by the director or his or her
4 designee.

5 (c) One member representing organizations that promote hunting
6 or fishing in this state appointed by the director or his or her
7 designee.

8 (d) One member representing a tribal government appointed by
9 the director or his or her designee.

10 (e) One member representing agricultural interests appointed
11 by the director or his or her designee.

12 (f) One member representing an animal advocacy organization
13 appointed by the director or his or her designee.

14 **(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), each**
15 **member of the council must be a resident of the Upper Peninsula.**

16 **(4) If the department determines through winter track surveys**
17 **and genetic testing that wolves are present in the Lower Peninsula,**
18 **a majority of the members of the council must be residents of the**
19 **Upper Peninsula.**

20 **(5) ~~(3)~~—**The council shall meet at least annually.

21 **(6) ~~(4)~~—**A majority of the members of the council constitute a
22 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the council.
23 A majority of the members present and serving are required for
24 official action of the council.

25 **(7) ~~(5)~~—**The business that the council may perform ~~shall~~ **must**
26 be conducted at a public meeting of the council held in compliance
27 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

28 **(8) ~~(6)~~—**A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
29 or retained by the council in the performance of an official

1 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442,
2 MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

3 **(9)** ~~(7)~~—Members of the council shall serve without
4 compensation. However, members of the council may be reimbursed for
5 their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
6 their official duties as members of the council.

7 **(10)** ~~(8)~~—The council shall annually submit to the commission
8 and to the legislature a report that makes nonbinding
9 recommendations as to the proper management of wolves in this
10 state.