

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4786

August 21, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Prestin, Bohnak, Markkanen, Fairbairn, Rigas, Borton, BeGole, Outman, Cavitt, Neyer, Beson, Roth, Alexander and Martin and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 501b.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1       Sec. 501b. (1) The Upper Peninsula natural resources
- 2       commission is created. The Upper Peninsula natural resources
- 3       commission is composed of the following members appointed by the
- 4       governor with the advice and consent of the senate:
- 5       (a) One individual from a list submitted by each member of the

1 house of representatives whose district boundaries include the  
2 Upper Peninsula.

3 (b) Two individuals from a list submitted by each member of  
4 the senate whose district boundaries include the Upper Peninsula.

5 (c) Two individuals from a list submitted jointly by all of  
6 the individuals described in subdivisions (a) and (b).

7 (2) The term of office of each member of the Upper Peninsula  
8 natural resources commission is 2 years. If a vacancy occurs on the  
9 Upper Peninsula natural resources commission, the governor shall  
10 make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as  
11 the original appointment. Each member of the Upper Peninsula  
12 natural resources commission holds office until the appointment and  
13 qualification of that member's successor. Not more than half of the  
14 commission members may be members of the same political party.

15 (3) Members of the Upper Peninsula natural resources  
16 commission shall serve without compensation. However, members of  
17 the Upper Peninsula natural resources commission may be reimbursed  
18 for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
19 the official duties as members of the Upper Peninsula natural  
20 resources commission.

21 (4) The Upper Peninsula natural resources commission has all  
22 of the following powers:

23 (a) The authority to issue orders or promulgate rules  
24 regarding the taking of game or sport fish that have an impact only  
25 on the Upper Peninsula or that have no significant impact outside  
26 the Upper Peninsula.

27 (b) Any other powers provided by law.

28 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
29 unless all of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are

1 enacted into law:

2 (a) House Bill No. 4785 (request no. H00575'25).

3 (b) House Bill No. 4784 (request no. H00576'25).

4 (c) House Bill No. 4783 (request no. H00578'25).