

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.36204 Agricultural preservation fund board; creation; membership; appointment; terms; quorum; compensation; expenses; election of chairperson and vice-chairperson; removal of member; vacancy.**

Sec. 36204. (1) The agricultural preservation fund board is created within the department.

(2) The board shall consist of the following members:

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

(b) The director of the department of natural resources or his or her designee.

(c) Five individuals appointed by the governor as follows:

(i) Two individuals representing agricultural interests.

(ii) One individual representing conservation interests.

(iii) One individual representing development interests.

(iv) One individual representing the general public.

(d) In addition to the members described in subdivisions (a) to (c), the director of the department may appoint 2 individuals with knowledge and expertise in agriculture or land use, or local government, as nonvoting members.

(3) The members first appointed to the board shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this section.

(4) Members of the board appointed under subsection (2)(c) and (d) shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later. However, of the members first appointed under subsection (2)(c), 1 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, 2 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, and 2 shall be appointed for terms of 4 years.

(5) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A majority of the members present and serving are required for official action of the board.

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

(7) The board shall annually elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members.

(8) The board may remove a member of the board for incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

(9) A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

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