

STATE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

Excerpts from State legislative actions, taken from "Great Lakes Compact - Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary U.S. Senate," 85th Congress, 2nd Session, on S.1416 granting the consent and approval of Congress to a Great Lakes Basin Compact, and for related purposes, March 26 and 27, 1958, and other sources.

ILLINOIS (69th GA House Bill, No. 983, 1955)

The Governor of the State of Illinois shall appoint 5 commissioners as representatives of the State of Illinois on the Great Lakes Commission, whose duties and authority on behalf of the State of Illinois shall be provided in said Compact. Of these 5 commissioners, not more than 2 shall be residents of the City of Chicago and not more than one shall be a resident of Cook County outside the city limits of Chicago.

INDIANA (Chapter 220 [H.216, Approved March 10, 1955])

SEC. 2. In pursuance of Article IV of the Compact, there shall be five commissioners on the Great Lakes Commission, hereinafter called the Commission, from this state. Each commissioner is hereby given all the powers conferred on a commissioner by the Compact or which shall be necessary or incidental to the performance of his functions as such a commissioner. The members of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: On the taking effect of this act, the Governor shall appoint and designate the terms of office of the five members, two of whom shall serve for a term of four years, and the remainder of whom shall each serve for terms of one, two and three years, respectively. Thereafter all appointments shall be made for a term of four years. Vacancies occurring in the office of any such commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for an unexpired term.

MICHIGAN (Act No.28, Public Acts of 1955, Approved by the Governor April 14, 1955; Act No. 29, Public Acts of 1969, Approved by Governor July 10, 1969; Act _____, 1985 (SB 45), Approved by Governor August 2, 1985)

SEC. 2. In pursuance of Article IV of the Compact, there shall be 5 commissioners on the Great Lakes Commission from this state. Each commissioner shall have all of the powers conferred on a commissioner by the compact or which shall be necessary or incidental to the performance of his or her functions as a commissioner. For this state, the governor, or the governor's designee, the attorney general, or the attorney general's designee, an appointee of the majority leader of the senate, and an appointee of the speaker of the house of representatives shall be members of the Michigan representation. IN ADDITION, the governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the senate, the remaining one member who shall come from groups or organizations interested in or affected by the Great Lakes, which member shall serve at the governor's pleasure. The appointees of the governor, the majority leader of the senate, and of the speaker of the house of representatives, before entering upon the performance of their office, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office. Each commissioner shall receive necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties. Each commissioner shall have the right to cast 3/5 of a vote whenever a vote is required by the terms of the compact.

SEC. 6. The commissioners who represent this state shall request the Commission to consider and recommend amendments or agreements supplementary to the Great Lakes basin compact that would give the party states the authority to limit diversions of the waters of the Great Lakes.

MINNESOTA (Laws of Minn., 1955, Chap. 691; S.F. No. 1982, Chap. 380, Approved May 17, 1971)

SEC.1. In pursuance of Article IV of the compact, there shall be 5 commissioners on the Great Lakes Commission from this state, four of whom shall be members of the legislature, two being members of the house of representatives and two being members of the state senate; and one member shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. The said house member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and members of the senate shall be appointed by the committee on committees. The commissioners so appointed shall exercise all voting rights conferred by the compact on the commissioners from the party state as provided in Article IV, (B and C) of the compact.

NEW YORK (Chapter 643, Laws of 1960)

Excerpts from the "Legislative Manual, New York, 1965-1966."

Representation of the State of New York is composed of 5 commissioners, including the Conservation Commissioner, or his designated deputy, and 4 members appointed by the Governor (Chap., 520, L 1961). The Commission itself is composed of not less than 3 commissioners nor more than 5 commissioners from each party state, with each state delegation entitled to 3 votes in the commission. No compensation to commission members except reimbursement for expenses.

OHIO (Amended Hse Bill 415; Effective Oct. 9, 1963, 105 General Assembly; Amended Substitute Senate Bill, No. 397, December 23, 1971)

SEC.6161.02. In pursuance of Article IV of the compact, as set forth in section 6161.01 of the Revised Code, there shall be five commissioners on the Great Lakes Commission from this state.

One of the commissioners shall be the director of the department of natural resources, one SHALL BE THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, ONE shall be a member of the senate who shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, one shall be a member of the house of representatives who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, to serve for two-year terms respectively, and ONE shall be appointed by the governor to serve at his pleasure. The Commissioner appointed by the governor shall be a PERSON qualified by experience and training in the areas set forth in the purpose clauses of the compact. In order to fully effectuate these purposes the members of the state commission shall appoint advisory committees similar to the committees of the commission. Members of the said advisory committees may not vote on matters considered by the state commission.

Members of the state commission shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attendance at official meetings of the commission and its committees.

PENNSYLVANIA (Act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, No.421, 1955-56 Session)

SEC.2. Representation on the Commission - In pursuance of Article IV of the Compact, there shall be 3 commissioners on the Great Lakes Commission (hereinafter called the commission) from this Commonwealth. Each commissioner is thereby given all the powers conferred on a commissioner by the compact or which shall be necessary or incidental to the performance of his functions as commissioner. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint three persons as commissioners, each of whom shall be a resident and citizen of this Commonwealth. The terms of one of the commissioners first appointed shall be two years and of the other two shall be four and six years, respectively. Their successors shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for terms of six years each. Each commissioner shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy in the office of any commissioner for any reason shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the unexpired term. The terms of each of three initial commissioners shall begin on the date of appointment. Any commissioner may be removed from office by the Governor. The commissioners shall serve without compensation but shall be paid their actual expenses in and incidental to the performance of their duties as commissioners.

WISCONSIN (No.294 A, Chapter 275, Laws of 1955; Chapter 39, Laws of 1975)

14.78 Great Lakes compact commission. (1) MEMBERS: TERMS. There is created a Great Lakes compact commission consisting of 3 commissioners appointed by the governor. The commissioners shall be persons having knowledge of and interest in problems of the Great Lakes basin. One commissioner, appointed for indefinite term, shall be a state officer or employee and shall serve as secretary of the Great Lakes compact commission. The other commissioners shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. The commissioners shall receive no salaries but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

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