

**116C.03 CREATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD; MEMBERSHIP; CHAIR; STAFF.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** An environmental quality board, designated as the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, is hereby created.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The members of the board are the director of the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning, the commissioner of commerce, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of health, the commissioner of employment and economic development, the commissioner of transportation, the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and a representative of the governor's office designated by the governor. The governor shall appoint five members from the general public to the board, subject to the advice and consent of the senate. At least two of the five public members must have knowledge of and be conversant in water management issues in the state. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15.06, subdivision 6, members of the board may not delegate their powers and responsibilities as board members to any other person.

Subd. 2a. **Public members.** The membership terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of public members of the board shall be as provided in section 15.0575.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1982 c 524 s 9]

Subd. 3a. **Chair.** The representative of the governor's office shall serve as chair of the board.

Subd. 4. **Support.** Staff and consultant support for board activities shall be provided by the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning. This support shall be provided based upon an annual budget and work program developed by the board and certified to the commissioner by the chair of the board. The board shall have the authority to request and require staff support from all other agencies of state government as needed for the execution of the responsibilities of the board.

Subd. 5. **Administration.** The board shall contract with the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning for administrative services necessary to the board's activities. The services shall include personnel, budget, payroll and contract administration.

Subd. 6. **Annual budget and work program.** The board shall adopt an annual budget and work program.

**History:** 1973 c 342 s 3; 1974 c 307 s 16; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 134 s 28,29; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1981 c 356 s 122-124; 1982 c 524 s 1-6; 1983 c 289 s 115 subd 1; 1983 c 301 s 119; 1984 c 558 art 2 s 2,3; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 186 s 15; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 6; 1987 c 358 s 105; 1988 c 501 s 1; 1988 c 685 s 25; 1989 c 335 art 1 s 134; 1991 c 345 art 2 s 20-22; 1994 c 639 art 5 s 3; 1997 c 53 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 4 art 6 s 77; 1Sp2003 c 4 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 161