

HOUSE BILL No. 6242

June 8, 2010, Introduced by Rep. Clemente and referred to the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life.

A bill to create the Michigan new economy commission; to provide for its operation; to impose duties on certain state and local officials; to make recommendations and make certain reports; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The Michigan new economy commission is created
2 within the executive office of the governor.

3 (2) The Michigan new economy commission shall consist of the
4 following members:

5 (a) The president of the Michigan strategic fund or his or her
6 designee.

7 (b) The director of the Michigan state housing development
8 authority or his or her designee.

1 (c) The director of the state transportation department or his
2 or her designee.

3 (d) The superintendent of public institution or his or her
4 designee.

5 (e) The following members appointed by the governor, who shall
6 be representative of this state geographically, racially, and with
7 regard to gender.

8 (i) One member of the house of representatives from a list of 2
9 or more members selected by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives.

11 (ii) One member of the house of representatives from a list of
12 2 or more members selected by the minority leader of the house of
13 representatives.

14 (iii) One member of the senate from a list of 2 or more members
15 selected by the majority leader of the senate.

16 (iv) One member of the senate from a list of 2 or more members
17 selected by the minority leader of the senate.

18 (v) One member representing new economy businesses.

19 (vi) One member representing cultural institutions.

20 (vii) One member representing institutions of higher education.

21 (viii) One member representing regional economic development.

22 (ix) One member representing small businesses.

23 (x) One member representing young professional organizations.

24 (xi) One member representing leadership organizations.

25 (xii) One member representing business media.

26 (xiii) One member representing foundations.

27 (xiv) One member representing early state business financing.

1 (xv) One member representing cities, villages, and townships.

2 (xvi) Four members, at large.

3 (3) The members first appointed to the Michigan new economy
4 commission shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective
5 date of this act.

6 (4) Members of the Michigan new economy commission shall serve
7 for terms of 4 years or until a successor is appointed, whichever
8 is later, except that of the members first appointed 8 shall serve
9 for 1 year, 8 shall serve for 2 years, and 7 shall serve for 3
10 years.

11 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the Michigan new economy
12 commission, the governor shall make an appointment for the
13 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

14 (6) The governor may remove a member of the Michigan new
15 economy commission for incompetency, dereliction of duty,
16 malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other
17 good cause.

18 (7) The first meeting of the Michigan new economy commission
19 shall be called by governor. At the first meeting, the Michigan new
20 economy commission shall elect from among its members a chairperson
21 and other officers as it considers necessary or appropriate. After
22 the first meeting, the Michigan new economy commission shall meet
23 at least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the
24 chairperson or if requested by 10 or more members.

25 (8) A majority of the members of the Michigan new economy
26 commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a
27 meeting of the Michigan new economy commission. A majority of the

1 members present and serving are required for official action of the
2 Michigan new economy commission.

3 (9) The business that the Michigan new economy commission may
4 perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the Michigan new
5 economy commission held in compliance with the open meetings act,
6 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

7 (10) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
8 retained by the Michigan new economy commission in the performance
9 of an official function is subject to the freedom of information
10 act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

11 (11) Members of the Michigan new economy commission shall
12 serve without compensation. However, members of the Michigan new
13 economy commission may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
14 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as
15 members of the Michigan new economy commission.

16 (12) The Michigan new economy commission shall do all of the
17 following:

18 (a) Develop a statewide strategy for the enhancement,
19 encouragement, and growth of the new economy in this state and to
20 promote through public and private means responsive public policies
21 and innovative private sector practices.

22 (b) Research and evaluate studies conducted within this state
23 and in other states to locate and identify best practices that
24 easily transfer to this state.

25 (c) Provide recommendations on restructuring economic programs
26 within state government to enhance new economy efforts.

27 (d) Provide strategies and propose legislation, if necessary,

1 to provide linkage between programs to enhance the new economy.

2 (e) Establish metrics to measure the effect of the new economy
3 on other sectors of the economy by developing and conducting
4 extensive statewide research and creating a database from the
5 results.

6 (f) Foster education and workforce development in the new
7 economy sector by stimulating efforts to develop career pathways
8 for new industries.

9 (g) Research the potential for an online resource directory,
10 including, but not limited to, the development and promotion of a
11 web-based resource highlighting the new economy and its member
12 companies and organizations.

13 (h) Research the potential for a comprehensive communications
14 program targeting member communities, organizations, stakeholders,
15 and interested parties, including, but not limited to, the
16 promotion of networking across the new economy sector.

17 (i) Research methods to brand Michigan as a new economy
18 leader.

19 (j) Develop a strategic vision for this state that includes,
20 but is not limited to, all of the following:

21 (i) Economic development.

22 (ii) International issues.

23 (iii) Outdoor recreation.

24 (iv) Land use.

25 (v) Transit.

26 (vi) Green initiatives.

27 Sec. 2. The Michigan new economy commission shall report to

1 the governor the results of its investigation and study, and its
2 recommendations together with drafts of legislation, if any, on or
3 before July 1, 2011.

4 Sec. 3. The Michigan new economy commission shall annually
5 submit on or before December 1 a written report of its activities
6 during the previous fiscal year to the clerk of the house of
7 representatives and the secretary of the senate. The report shall
8 include recommendations to the governor regarding proposed changes
9 to this act, or any other statute or any rule promulgated pursuant
10 to state law, necessary to promote the new economy in this state.

11 Sec. 4. This act is repealed on October 1, 2015.