

# SENATE BILL NO. 119

February 10, 2021, Introduced by Senator MCBROOM and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1911 PA 163, entitled

"An act to provide for the election of inspectors of mines in certain cases and the appointment of their deputies, for the appointment of such inspectors of mines and their deputies until the election and qualification of the first inspectors of mines, to prescribe their powers and duties and to provide for their compensation, and to repeal Act No. 213 of the Public Acts of 1887,"

by amending the title and sections 1 and 6 (MCL 425.101 and 425.106), section 1 as amended by 1984 PA 116; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to provide for the election of inspectors of mines in certain cases and the appointment of their deputies; ~~for the appointment of such inspectors of mines and their deputies until the election and qualification of the first inspectors of mines, to~~ prescribe their powers and duties; ~~and to provide for their compensation; and to repeal Act No. 213 of the Public Acts of 1887.~~ **acts and parts of acts.**

Sec. 1. ~~(1) There~~ **In a county of this state where there is a metallic mineral mine situated, an inspector of mines** shall be elected at the general election in the year 1968, and at the general election held every fourth year ~~thereafter an inspector of mines for the term of 4 years in any county within this state where there are iron or copper mines situated, some~~ **after that year. The inspector of mines shall serve for a term of 4 years.**

**(2) In a county of this state where there is an operating metallic mineral mine situated, the inspector of mines elected under subsection (1) must meet all of the following requirements:**

**(a) Be a** suitable ~~person~~ **individual** who is a citizen of this state. ~~who can~~

**(b) Be able to** read and write the English language. ~~and who has had~~

**(c) Have** at least 10 years' actual experience in mining, or a ~~person holding~~ **hold** the degree of mining engineer, or an equivalent degree. ~~and who shall have~~

**(d) Have** practiced his or her profession as a mining engineer for at least 2 years. ~~Inspectors~~

**(3) In a county of this state where there is only an**

1 abandoned, closed, or idled metallic mineral mine situated as of  
 2 the effective date of the amendatory act that added this  
 3 subsection, an inspector of mines elected under subsection (1) must  
 4 meet all of the following requirements:

5 (a) Be a suitable individual who is a citizen of this state.

6 (b) Be able to read and write the English language.

7 (c) Have actual experience in mining, or hold the degree of  
 8 mining engineer, or an equivalent degree.

9 (d) Have practiced his or her profession as a mining engineer  
 10 for at least 2 years.

11 (4) ~~An inspector~~ of mines shall not, during ~~their~~ his or her  
 12 term of office, accept employment or be employed by ~~any~~ a mining  
 13 company or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof. ~~A person of a~~  
 14 **mining company. An individual** elected to any other public office  
 15 ~~shall not be~~ **is not** eligible for election as an inspector of mines  
 16 ~~, nor for or~~ appointment as a deputy inspector **of mines.**

17 (5) If an inspector of mines is unable to serve to the  
 18 completion of his or her term for any reason, the county in which  
 19 the inspector served may designate an inspector of mines elected to  
 20 serve in another county, subject to the approval of the county  
 21 board of commissioners in that other county, to serve as the  
 22 inspector of mines until the next election is held.

23 Sec. 6. ~~The~~ **An elected** inspector of mines ~~when so elected may~~  
 24 appoint 1 or more deputy inspectors, not exceeding 3, as in his **or**  
 25 **her** judgment may be necessary for the purpose of discharging the  
 26 duties ~~hereinafter~~ **prescribed in this act**, and may revoke such  
 27 appointments at his **or her** pleasure. Any ~~and all such~~ deputy  
 28 ~~inspectors~~ **inspector** in any county ~~shall be~~ **appointed under this**  
 29 **section is** under the supervision of the inspector of mines, and

1 ~~their~~ **the inspector of mines shall prescribe the deputy inspector's**  
2 duties. ~~shall be prescribed by him.~~

3 Enacting section 1. Section 2 of 1911 PA 163, MCL 425.102, is  
4 repealed.