

**SEED POTATO ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 94 of 2018**

**286.686 Seed potato advisory commission; creation; membership; qualifications; terms; vacancy; compensation or expenses; powers and duties.**

Sec. 6. (1) The seed potato advisory committee is created.

(2) The advisory committee shall consist of 5 members appointed by the director as follows:

(a) Two commercial potato growers who do not grow seed potatoes.

(b) The current chair of the Michigan Seed Potato Association.

(c) One person employed by Michigan State University.

(d) One person employed by the department.

(3) Whenever possible, the advisory committee members appointed under subsection (2)(c) and (d) must have knowledge of or experience with seed potatoes.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5), members appointed to the advisory committee shall serve for terms of 3 years. Members may be appointed for an unlimited number of terms, except that a member appointed under subsection (2)(a) may not serve more than 2 terms consecutively.

(5) In the event of a vacancy on the advisory committee prior to the completion of a member's full term, the director shall appoint a person to complete the remainder of that term. The person appointed under this subsection must represent the same group as the member he or she is replacing, as provided in subsection (2).

(6) The members of the advisory committee will receive no compensation or reimbursement for any expenses incurred in the exercise of their duties.

(7) The advisory committee shall advise the director in establishing rules under this act, assist in the determination of availability of seed potatoes, recommend whether to grant permission to plant uncertified seed potatoes, recommend independent auditors to perform records reviews under section 5, and consult with the director regarding the administration and enforcement of this act.

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