

Legislative Mandate

Act 275 of 1971

Section 448. Advisory Boards and Commissions

The Citizens Advisory Council shall consist of the Secretary of Environmental Protection, six members who shall be appointed by the Governor, no more than three of whom shall be of the same political party, and six members who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, no more than three of whom shall be of the same political party, and six members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than three of whom shall be of the same political party. The appointed members of the Council shall be citizens of the State who, during their respective terms, shall hold no other state office to which any salary is attached except that of membership of the Environmental Quality Board.

The term of office of each appointed member shall be three years, measured from the third Tuesday of January of the year in which he takes office or until his successor has been appointed.

The Citizens Advisory Council shall include persons knowledgeable in fields related to the work of the Department of Environmental Protection such as, but not limited to, ecology, limnology, toxicology, pharmacology, organiculture, and industrial technology.

The Council shall annually elect one of its appointed members as Chairman and shall elect a Secretary who need not be a member of the Council. Meetings of the Council shall be held at least quarterly or at the call of the Chairman.

The Council shall have the power to employ and fix the compensation of such experts, stenographers, and assistants as may be deemed necessary to carry out the work of the Council, but due diligence shall be exercised by the Council to enlist such voluntary assistance as may be available from citizens, research organizations, and other agencies in Pennsylvania or elsewhere, generally recognized as qualified to aid the Council.

Section 1922-A. Citizens Advisory Council

(a) The Citizens Advisory Council shall review all environmental laws of the Commonwealth and make appropriate suggestions for the revision, modification and codification thereof.

(b) The Council shall consider, study and review the work of the Department of Environmental Protection and for this purpose, the Council shall have access to all books, papers, documents and records pertaining or belonging to the Department.

(c) The Council shall advise the Department on request, and shall make recommendations upon its initiative, for the improvement of the work of the Department.

(d) The Council shall report annually to the Governor and to the General Assembly and may make such interim reports as are deemed advisable.