

Lake Improvement Boards

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Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act Amendments to Part 309 Inland Lake Improvements



As of March 1, 2005, Michigan legislative amendments have made the following changes to the Township lake improvement boards:

- *Revised membership*
- *Provided record-keeping responsibilities*
- *Established a dissolution process*
- *Included costs for administrative expenses*

Under the legislative amendments, lake board membership will include the following revisions: a second representative shall be appointed by the local unit of government; a designee shall be appointed by the county drain commissioner; and a representative from the DEQ will no longer be required to serve on the board.

Record-keeping responsibilities require that a lake board elect a secretary. The secretary must be one of the representatives from the local units of government and will be required to attend meetings, keep a record of proceedings, and perform other duties as delegated by the board.

A dissolution process has been established requiring an advertised public hearing and a petition of two-thirds of the landowners abutting the lake or by the local unit of government. The board shall only be dissolved if and when all outstanding expenses are paid in full.

Cost for administrative expenses will now be charged to the lake board. These costs include maintaining records, mailings and the administration of financial affairs.

LEGAL UPDATE

For more information on these amendments, please visit the Michigan Legislature website at www.legislature.mi.gov and search for Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 309. Copies are available in the Clerk's Office.