

## Draft Legislation: Permanent Climate Change Commission

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## Not addressed

- Ex officio members
- Advisory group

## Addressed

- 1/3-1/3-1/3: House-Senate-Governor
- Terms
- Expertise
- Powers and duties
- Mitigation and adaptation
- Retain members of current LCGCC

## § 120-. Membership; cochairs; vacancies; quorum

- Initially LCGCC members 1 year
- Permanent: 18 total
- House and Senate each
  - 3 representatives
  - 3 other members
- Governor
  - 6 members

## Terms

- Initially staggered, i.e., 1, 2 and 3 year appointments
- 3 year appointments thereafter

## Expertise of members

- Energy, natural resource conservation, economics, engineering, climatology, finance, law, policy, transportation, land use, coastal geology, consumer protection, state energy policy, or another field substantially related to the duties and functions of the Commission
- Fairly represent these fields

## § 120-. Powers and duties.

1. Study on a continuing basis, as they relate to human health, environmental and economic impacts:
  - Existing and projected emissions and sequestration

- Expected impacts of global climate change on the citizens, natural resources, ecosystem services, and economy of the State, including agriculture, travel and tourism, recreation, coastal real estate, insurance, and other economic sectors

- Actions taken by (others)
- Economic opportunities for State
- Costs of actions taken by State\*
- Benefits of action taken by State and others\*

## § 120-. Powers and duties.

2. Make recommendations to the General Assembly:
  - Emissions reduction goals
  - Sequestration goals
  - Reductions from State government

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3. May make recommendations regarding:
  - How to strengthen resilience of vulnerable communities
  - How State can improve institutional capacity to adapt to climate change

- Identify and correct policies and procedures that currently undermine GHG emission reduction
- Mobilization of new and existing financial resources to address CC
- Identify ways to integrate risk reduction and adaptation into development plans of State agencies and local governments.