



Ohio Revised Code Section 1517.17

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Legislation: [Senate Bill 156](#)

The chief of the division of natural areas and preserves, with the approval of the director of natural resources, shall appoint an advisory council for each wild, scenic, or recreational river. Each advisory council shall be composed of not more than ten persons who are representative of local government and local organizations and interests in the wild, scenic, or recreational river watershed. Each person shall serve without compensation. The chief or the chief's representative shall serve as an ex officio member of each council.

The initial members appointed to each council shall serve for terms of not more than three years, with the terms of not more than four members of any council ending in the same year. Thereafter, terms of office shall be for three years commencing on the first day of February and ending on the last day of January.

Each council shall advise the chief on the acquisition of land and easements and on the lands and waters that should be protected in a wild, scenic, or recreational river watershed or a proposed wild, scenic, or recreational river watershed, facilities therein, and other aspects of establishment and administration of the wild, scenic, or recreational river that may affect the local interest.

An advisory council for a wild, scenic, or recreational river that was created by the director under Chapter 1547. of the Revised Code prior to the effective date of this amendment continues to be the advisory council for the applicable wild, scenic, or recreational river for purposes of sections 1517.14 to 1517.19 of the Revised Code on and after that date.
