CONSTITUTION OF MICHIGAN OF 1963 (EXCERPTS)

PREAMBLE

Preamble

We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

§ 10 Removal or suspension of officers; grounds, report.

Sec. 10. The governor shall have power and it shall be his duty to inquire into the condition and administration of any public office and the acts of any public officer, elective or appointive. He may remove or suspend from office for gross neglect of duty or for corrupt conduct in office, or for any other misfeasance or malfeasance therein, any elective or appointive state officer, except legislative or judicial, and shall report the reasons for such removal or suspension to the legislature.

History: Const. 1963, Art. V, § 10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

Former Constitution: See Const. 1908, Art. IX, § 7.

ARTICLE VIII

EDUCATION

§ 9 Public libraries, fines.

Sec. 9. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and support of public libraries which shall be available to all residents of the state under regulations adopted by the governing bodies thereof. All fines assessed and collected in the several counties, townships and cities for any breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively applied to the support of such public libraries, and county law libraries as provided by law.

History: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, § 9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964 .

Former Constitution: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, § 14.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCE AND TAXATION

§ 6 Real and tangible personal property; limitation on general ad valorem taxes; adoption and alteration of separate tax limitations; exceptions to limitations; property tax on school district extending into 2 or more counties.

Section 6. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed 15 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized. Under procedures provided by law, which shall guarantee the right of initiative, separate tax limitations for any county and for the townships and for school districts therein, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 18 mills on each dollar of such valuation, may be adopted and thereafter altered by the vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such county voting thereon, in lieu of the limitation hereinbefore established. These limitations may be increased to an aggregate of not to exceed 50 mills on each dollar of valuation, for a period of not to exceed 20 years at any one time, if approved by a

majority of the electors, qualified under Section 6 of Article II of this constitution, voting on the question.

The foregoing limitations shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds approved by the electors or other evidences of indebtedness approved by the electors or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued approved by the electors, which taxes may be imposed without limitation as to rate or amount; or, subject to the provisions of Section 25 through 34 of this article, to taxes imposed for any other purpose by any city, village, charter county, charter township, charter authority or other authority, the tax limitations of which are provided by charter or by general law.

In any school district which extends into two or more counties, property taxes at the highest rate available in the county which contains the greatest part of the area of the district may be imposed and collected for school purposes throughout the district.

History: Const. 1963, Art. IX, § 6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964; --Am. Initiated Law, approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978 .

Former Constitution: See Const. 1908, Art. X, § 21.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT

Act 268 of 1986

AN ACT to create the legislative council; to prescribe its membership, powers, and duties; to create a legislative service bureau to provide staff services to the legislature and the council; to provide for operation of legislative parking facilities; to create funds; to provide for the expenditure of appropriated funds by legislative council agencies; to authorize the sale of access to certain computerized data bases; to establish fees; to create the Michigan commission on uniform state laws; to create a law revision commission; to create a senate fiscal agency and a house fiscal agency; to create a Michigan capitol committee; to create a commission on intergovernmental relations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates.

History: 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986; --Am. 1987, Act 123, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1987; --Am. 1988, Act 100, Eff. July 1, 1988

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER 1

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

4.1107 Legislative reference library; research services; technical and other assistance.

Sec. 107. The bureau shall maintain a legislative reference library containing material which may be of use in connection with legislation. Upon request, the bureau shall furnish research services to members of the legislature. The bureau shall furnish such technical and other assistance to legislative committees as may be authorized by the council.

History: 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

INCOMPATIBLE PUBLIC OFFICES

Act 566 of 1978

AN ACT to encourage the faithful performance of official duties by certain public officers and public employees; to prescribe standards of conduct for certain public officers and public employees; to prohibit the holding of incompatible public offices; and to provide certain judicial remedies.

History: 1978, Act 566, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1978.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

15.181 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Governing board" means a board of regents, board of trustees, board of governors, board of control, or other governing body of an institution of higher education.

(b) "Incompatible offices" means public offices held by a public official which, when the official is performing the duties of any of the public offices held by the official, results in any of the following with respect to those offices held:

(i) The subordination of 1 public office to another.

(ii) The supervision of 1 public office by another.

(iii) A breach of duty of public office.

(c) "Institution of higher education" means a college, university, community college, or junior college described in section 4, 5, or 6 of article 8 of the state constitution of 1963 or established under section 7 of article 8 of the state constitution of 1963.

(d) "Public employee" means an employee of this state, an employee of a city, village, township, or county of this state, or an employee of a department, board, agency, institution, commission, authority, division, council, college, university, school district, intermediate school district, special district, or other public entity of this state or of a city, village, township, or county in this state, but does not include a person whose employment results from election or appointment.

(e) "Public officer" means a person who is elected or appointed to any of the following:

(i) An office established by the state constitution of 1963.

(ii) A public office of a city, village, township, or county in this state.

(iii) A department, board, agency, institution, commission, authority, division, council, college, university, school district, intermediate school district, special district, or other public entity of this state or a city, village, township, or county in this state.

History: 1978, Act 566, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1978.

15.182 Holding incompatible offices.

Sec. 2. (1) Except as provided in section 3, a public officer or public employee shall not hold 2 or more incompatible offices at the same time.

History: 1978, Act 566, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1978.

15.183 Public officer or employee as member of governing board of institution of higher education; member of school board as superintendent of schools; public officer or employee as member of board of tax increment finance authority, downtown development authority, or a local development finance authority; applicability; eligibility; conflict of interest; breach of duty; public officer or employee of community mental health services program.

Sec. 3. (1) Section 2 does not prohibit a public officer's or public employee's appointment or election to, or membership on, a governing board of an institution of higher education. However, a public officer or public employee shall not be a member of governing boards of more than 1 institution of higher education simultaneously, and a public officer or public employee shall not be an employee and member of a governing board of an institution of higher education simultaneously.

(2) Section 2 does not prohibit a member of a school board of 1 school district from being a superintendent of schools of another school district.

(3) Section 2 does not prohibit a public officer or public employee of a city, village, township, school district, community college district, or county from being appointed to and serving as a member of the board of a tax increment finance authority under the tax increment finance authority act, 1980 PA 450, MCL 125.1801 to 125.1830, a downtown development authority under 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 to 125.1681, a local development finance authority under the local development financing act, 1986 PA 281, MCL 125.2151 to 125.2174, or a brownfield redevelopment authority under the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672.

(4) Section 2 does not do any of the following:

(a) Prohibit public officers or public employees of a city, village, township, or county having a population of less than 25,000 from serving, with or without compensation, as emergency medical services personnel as defined in section 20904 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904.

(b) Prohibit public officers or public employees of a city, village, township, or county having a population of less than 25,000 from serving, with or without compensation, as a firefighter in that city, village, township, or county if that firefighter is not any of the following:

(i) A full-time firefighter.

(ii) A fire chief.

(iii) A person who negotiates with the city, village, township, or county on behalf of the firefighters.

(c) Limit the authority of the governing body of a city, village, township, or county having a population of less than 25,000 to authorize a public officer or public employee to perform, with or without compensation, other additional services for the unit of local government.

(5) This section does not relieve a person from otherwise meeting statutory or constitutional qualifications for eligibility to, or the continued holding of, a public office.

(6) This section does not allow or sanction activity constituting conflict of interest prohibited by the constitution or laws of this state.

(7) This section does not allow or sanction specific actions taken in the course of performance of duties as a public official or as a member of a governing body of an institution of higher education that would result in a breach of duty as a public officer or board member.

(8) Section 2 does not prohibit a public officer or public employee of a community mental health services program as defined in section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, from serving as a public officer or public employee of a separate legal or administrative entity created by 2 or more community mental health services programs under the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, a joint board or commission created under 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 8, MCL 124.531 to 124.536, or a regional entity created under section 204b of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1204b, whether or not the separate legal or administrative entity, joint board or commission, or regional entity may enter into contracts or agreements with 1 or more of the community mental health services programs.

History: 1978, Act 566, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1978; --Am. 1984, Act 72, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1984; --Am. 1992, Act 10, Imd. Eff. Mar. 10, 1992; --Am. 1994, Act 317, Imd. Eff. Oct. 6, 1994; --Am. 2000, Act 455, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 200; --Am. 2004, Act 110, Imd. Eff. May 20, 2004.

15.184 Injunction or other judicial relief or remedy.

Sec. 4. The attorney general or a prosecuting attorney may apply to the circuit court for Ingham county or to the circuit court for the county in which the alleged act or practice in violation of this act is alleged to have occurred or in which a party to the alleged violative act or practice resides, for injunctive or other appropriate judicial relief or remedy. However, this act shall not create a private cause of action.

History: 1978, Act 566, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1978.

15.185 Action of public officer or employee; validity; judicial relief or remedy.

Sec. 5. An action of a public officer or public employee shall not be absolutely void by reason of this act. An action of a public officer or public employee shall be voidable only by discretionary action of a court of competent jurisdiction, as prescribed in section 4. However, any judicial relief or judicial remedy shall operate prospectively only.

History: 1978, Act 566, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1978.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Act 442 of 1976

AN ACT to provide for public access to certain public records of public bodies; to permit certain fees; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public officers and public bodies; to provide remedies and penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

15.231 Short title; public policy.

Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "freedom of information act".

(2) It is the public policy of this state that all persons, except those persons incarcerated in state or local correctional facilities, are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees, consistent with this act. The people shall be informed so that they may fully participate in the democratic process.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1994, Act 131, Imd. Eff. May 19, 1994; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997; --Am. 1997, Act 6, Imd. Eff. May 16, 1997.

15.232 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Field name" means the label or identification of an element of a computer data base that contains a specific item of information, and includes but is not limited to a subject heading such as a column header, data dictionary, or record layout.

(b) "FOIA coordinator" means either of the following:

(i) An individual who is a public body.

(ii) An individual designated by a public body in accordance with section 6 to accept and process requests for public records under this act.

(c) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm, organization, association, governmental entity, or other legal entity. Person does not include an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility in this state or any other state, or in a federal correctional facility.

(d) "Public body" means any of the following:

(i) A state officer, employee, agency, department, division, bureau, board, commission, council, authority, or other body in the executive branch of the state government, but does not include the governor or lieutenant governor, the executive office of the governor or lieutenant governor, or employees thereof.

(ii) An agency, board, commission, or council in the legislative branch of the state government.

(iii) A county, city, township, village, intercounty, intercity, or regional governing body, council, school district, special district, or municipal corporation, or a board, department, commission, council, or agency thereof.

(iv) Any other body which is created by state or local authority or which is primarily funded by or through state or local authority.

(v) The judiciary, including the office of the county clerk and employees thereof when acting in the capacity of clerk to the circuit court, is not included in the definition of public body.

(e) "Public record" means a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body in the performance of an official function, from the time it is created. Public record does not include computer software. This act separates public records into the following 2 classes:

(i) Those that are exempt from disclosure under section 13.

(ii) All public records that are not exempt from disclosure under section 13 and which are subject to disclosure under this act.

(f) “Software” means a set of statements or instructions that when incorporated in a machine usable medium is capable of causing a machine or device having information processing capabilities to indicate, perform, or achieve a particular function, task, or result. Software does not include computer-stored information or data, or a field name if disclosure of that field name does not violate a software license.

(g) “Unusual circumstances” means any 1 or a combination of the following, but only to the extent necessary for the proper processing of a request:

(i) The need to search for, collect, or appropriately examine or review a voluminous amount of separate and distinct public records pursuant to a single request.

(ii) The need to collect the requested public records from numerous field offices, facilities, or other establishments which are located apart from the particular office receiving or processing the request.

(h) “Writing” means handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, and every other means of recording, and includes letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof, and papers, maps, magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films or prints, microfilm, microfiche, magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums, or other means of recording or retaining meaningful content.

(i) “Written request” means a writing that asks for information, and includes a writing transmitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1994, Act 131, Imd. Eff. May 19, 1994; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.

15.233 Public records; right to inspect, copy, or receive; subscriptions; forwarding requests; file; inspection and examination; memoranda or abstracts; rules; compilation, summary, or report of information; creation of new public record; certified copies.

Sec. 3. (1) Except as expressly provided in section 13, upon providing a public body's FOIA coordinator with a written request that describes a public record sufficiently to enable the public body to find the public record, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of the requested public record of the public body. A person has a right to subscribe to future issuances of public records that are created, issued, or disseminated on a regular basis. A subscription shall be valid for up to 6 months, at the request of the subscriber, and shall be renewable. An employee of a public body who receives a request for a public record shall promptly forward that request to the freedom of information act coordinator.

(2) A freedom of information act coordinator shall keep a copy of all written requests for public records on file for no less than 1 year.

(3) A public body shall furnish a requesting person a reasonable opportunity for inspection and examination of its public records, and shall furnish reasonable facilities for making memoranda or abstracts from its public records during the usual business hours. A public body may make reasonable rules necessary to protect its public records and to prevent excessive and unreasonable interference with the discharge of its functions. A public body shall protect public records from loss, unauthorized alteration, mutilation, or destruction.

(4) This act does not require a public body to make a compilation, summary, or report of information, except as required in section 11.

(5) This act does not require a public body to create a new public record, except as required in section 11, and to the extent required by this act for the furnishing of copies, or edited copies pursuant to section 14(1), of an already existing public record.

(6) The custodian of a public record shall, upon written request, furnish a requesting person a certified copy of a public record.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.

15.234 Fee; waiver or reduction; affidavit; deposit; calculation of costs; limitation; provisions inapplicable to certain public records.

Sec. 4. (1) A public body may charge a fee for a public record search, the necessary copying of a public record for inspection, or for providing a copy of a public record. Subject to subsections (3) and (4), the fee shall be limited to actual mailing costs, and to the actual incremental cost of duplication or publication including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion and separation

of exempt from nonexempt information as provided in section 14. A search for a public record may be conducted or copies of public records may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if the public body determines that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public. A public record search shall be made and a copy of a public record shall be furnished without charge for the first $20.00 of the fee for each request to an individual who is entitled to information under this act and who submits an affidavit stating that the individual is then receiving public assistance or, if not receiving public assistance, stating facts showing inability to pay the cost because of indigency.

(2) A public body may require at the time a request is made a good faith deposit from the person requesting the public record or series of public records, if the fee authorized under this section exceeds $50.00. The deposit shall not exceed 1/2 of the total fee.

(3) In calculating the cost of labor incurred in duplication and mailing and the cost of examination, review, separation, and deletion under subsection (1), a public body may not charge more than the hourly wage of the lowest paid public body employee capable of retrieving the information necessary to comply with a request under this act. Fees shall be uniform and not dependent upon the identity of the requesting person. A public body shall utilize the most economical means available for making copies of public records. A fee shall not be charged for the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion and separation of exempt from nonexempt information as provided in section 14 unless failure to charge a fee would result in unreasonably high costs to the public body because of the nature of the request in the particular instance, and the public body specifically identifies the nature of these unreasonably high costs. A public body shall establish and publish procedures and guidelines to implement this subsection.

(4) This section does not apply to public records prepared under an act or statute specifically authorizing the sale of those public records to the public, or if the amount of the fee for providing a copy of the public record is otherwise specifically provided by an act or statute.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977 ;--Am. 1988, Act 99, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1988; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.

15.235 Request to inspect or receive copy of public record; response to request; failure to respond; damages; contents of notice denying request; signing notice of denial; notice extending period of response; action by requesting person.

Sec. 5. (1) Except as provided in section 3, a person desiring to inspect or receive a copy of a public record shall make a written request for the public record to the FOIA coordinator of a public body. A written request made by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic transmission is not received by a public body's FOIA coordinator until 1 business day after the electronic transmission is made.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the person making the request, a public body shall respond to a request for a public record within 5 business days after the public body receives the request by doing 1 of the following:

(a) Granting the request.

(b) Issuing a written notice to the requesting person denying the request.

(c) Granting the request in part and issuing a written notice to the requesting person denying the request in part.

(d) Issuing a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the public body shall respond to the request. A public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular request.

(3) Failure to respond to a request pursuant to subsection (2) constitutes a public body's final determination to deny the request. In a circuit court action to compel a public body's disclosure of a public record under section 10, the circuit court shall assess damages against the public body pursuant to section 10(8) if the circuit court has done both of the following:

(a) Determined that the public body has not complied with subsection (2).

(b) Ordered the public body to disclose or provide copies of all or a portion of the public record.

(4) A written notice denying a request for a public record in whole or in part is a public body's final determination to deny the request or portion of that request. The written notice shall contain:

(a) An explanation of the basis under this act or other statute for the determination that the public record, or portion of that public record, is exempt from disclosure, if that is the reason for denying all or a portion of the request.
(b) A certificate that the public record does not exist under the name given by the requester or by another name reasonably known to the public body, if that is the reason for denying the request or a portion of the request.
(c) A description of a public record or information on a public record that is separated or deleted pursuant to section 14, if a separation or deletion is made.
(d) A full explanation of the requesting person's right to do either of the following:
(i) Submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial.
(ii) Seek judicial review of the denial under section 10.
(e) Notice of the right to receive attorneys' fees and damages as provided in section 10 if, after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the public body has not complied with this section and orders disclosure of all or a portion of a public record.
(5) The individual designated in section 6 as responsible for the denial of the request shall sign the written notice of denial.
(6) If a public body issues a notice extending the period for a response to the request, the notice shall specify the reasons for the extension and the date by which the public body will do 1 of the following:
(a) Grant the request.
(b) Issue a written notice to the requesting person denying the request.
(c) Grant the request in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person denying the request in part.
(7) If a public body makes a final determination to deny in whole or in part a request to inspect or receive a copy of a public record or portion of that public record, the requesting person may do either of the following:
(a) Appeal the denial to the head of the public body pursuant to section 10.
(b) Commence an action in circuit court, pursuant to section 10.
History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1978, Act 329, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1978; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.
Compiler's Note: In subsection (3), the reference to "section 10(8)" evidently should be a reference to " section 10(7)."

15.236 FOIA coordinator.
Sec. 6. (1) A public body that is a city, village, township, county, or state department, or under the control of a city, village, township, county, or state department, shall designate an individual as the public body's FOIA coordinator. The FOIA coordinator shall be responsible for accepting and processing requests for the public body's public records under this act and shall be responsible for approving a denial under section 5(4) and (5). In a county not having an executive form of government, the chairperson of the county board of commissioners is designated the FOIA coordinator for that county.
(2) For all other public bodies, the chief administrative officer of the respective public body is designated the public body's FOIA coordinator.
(3) An FOIA coordinator may designate another individual to act on his or her behalf in accepting and processing requests for the public body's public records, and in approving a denial under section 5(4) and (5).
History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.

15.240 Options by requesting person; appeal; orders; venue; de novo proceeding; burden of proof; private view of public record; contempt; assignment of action or appeal for hearing, trial, or argument; attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; assessment of award; damages.
Sec. 10. (1) If a public body makes a final determination to deny all or a portion of a request, the requesting person may do 1 of the following at his or her option:
(a) Submit to the head of the public body a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial.
(b) Commence an action in the circuit court to compel the public body's disclosure of the public records within 180 days after a public body's final determination to deny a request.

(2) Within 10 days after receiving a written appeal pursuant to subsection (1)(a), the head of a public body shall do 1 of the following:

(a) Reverse the disclosure denial.

(b) Issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial.

(c) Reverse the disclosure denial in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial in part.

(d) Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the head of the public body shall respond to the written appeal. The head of a public body shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular written appeal.

(3) A board or commission that is the head of a public body is not considered to have received a written appeal under subsection (2) until the first regularly scheduled meeting of that board or commission following submission of the written appeal under subsection (1)(a). If the head of the public body fails to respond to a written appeal pursuant to subsection (2), or if the head of the public body upholds all or a portion of the disclosure denial that is the subject of the written appeal, the requesting person may seek judicial review of the nondisclosure by commencing an action in circuit court under subsection (1)(b).

(4) In an action commenced under subsection (1)(b), a court that determines a public record is not exempt from disclosure shall order the public body to cease withholding or to produce all or a portion of a public record wrongfully withheld, regardless of the location of the public record. The circuit court for the county in which the complainant resides or has his or her principal place of business, or the circuit court for the county in which the public record or an office of the public body is located has venue over the action. The court shall determine the matter de novo and the burden is on the public body to sustain its denial. The court, on its own motion, may view the public record in controversy in private before reaching a decision. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt of court.

(5) An action commenced under this section and an appeal from an action commenced under this section shall be assigned for hearing and trial or for argument at the earliest practicable date and expedited in every way.

(6) If a person asserting the right to inspect, copy, or receive a copy of all or a portion of a public record prevails in an action commenced under this section, the court shall award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. If the person or public body prevails in part, the court may, in its discretion, award all or an appropriate portion of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements. The award shall be assessed against the public body liable for damages under subsection (7).

(7) If the circuit court determines in an action commenced under this section that the public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated this act by refusal or delay in disclosing or providing copies of a public record, the court shall award, in addition to any actual or compensatory damages, punitive damages in the amount of $500.00 to the person seeking the right to inspect or receive a copy of a public record. The damages shall not be assessed against an individual, but shall be assessed against the next succeeding public body that is not an individual and that kept or maintained the public record as part of its public function.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1978, Act 329, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1978 --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.

15.241 Matters required to be published and made available by state agencies; form of publications; effect on person of matter not published and made available; exception; action to compel compliance by state agency; order; attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements; jurisdiction; definitions.

Sec. 11. (1) A state agency shall publish and make available to the public all of the following:

(a) Final orders or decisions in contested cases and the records on which they were made.

(b) Promulgated rules.

(c) Other written statements which implement or interpret laws, rules, or policy, including but not limited to guidelines, manuals, and forms with instructions, adopted or used by the agency in the discharge of its functions.

(2) Publications may be in pamphlet, loose-leaf, or other appropriate form in printed, mimeographed, or other written matter.

(3) Except to the extent that a person has actual and timely notice of the terms thereof, a person shall not in any manner be required to resort to, or be adversely affected by, a matter required to be published and made available, if the matter is not so published and made available.
(4) This section does not apply to public records which are exempt from disclosure under section 13.
(5) A person may commence an action in the circuit court to compel a state agency to comply with this section. If the court determines that the state agency has failed to comply, the court shall order the state agency to comply and shall award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements to the person commencing the action. The circuit court for the county in which the state agency is located shall have jurisdiction to issue the order.
(6) As used in this section, “state agency”, “contested case”, and “rules” shall have the same meanings as ascribed to those terms in Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977.

15.243 Exemptions from disclosure; public body as school district or public school academy; withholding of information required by law or in possession of executive office.

Sec. 13. (1) A public body may exempt from disclosure as a public record under this act any of the following:

(a) Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy.

(b) Investigating records compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that disclosure as a public record would do any of the following:

(i) Interfere with law enforcement proceedings.

(ii) Deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or impartial administrative adjudication.

(iii) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(iv) Disclose the identity of a confidential source, or if the record is compiled by a law enforcement agency in the course of a criminal investigation, disclose confidential information furnished only by a confidential source.

(v) Disclose law enforcement investigative techniques or procedures.

(vi) Endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel.

(c) A public record that if disclosed would prejudice a public body's ability to maintain the physical security of custodial or penal institutions occupied by persons arrested or convicted of a crime or admitted because of a mental disability, unless the public interest in disclosure under this act outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure.

(d) Records or information specifically described and exempted from disclosure by statute.

(e) A public record or information described in this section that is furnished by the public body originally compiling, preparing, or receiving the record or information to a public officer or public body in connection with the performance of the duties of that public officer or public body, if the considerations originally giving rise to the exempt nature of the public record remain applicable.

(f) Trade secrets or commercial or financial information voluntarily provided to an agency for use in developing governmental policy if:

(i) The information is submitted upon a promise of confidentiality by the public body.

(ii) The promise of confidentiality is authorized by the chief administrative officer of the public body or by an elected official at the time the promise is made.

(iii) A description of the information is recorded by the public body within a reasonable time after it has been submitted, maintained in a central place within the public body, and made available to a person upon request. This subdivision does not apply to information submitted as required by law or as a condition of receiving a governmental contract, license, or other benefit.

(g) Information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege.

(h) Information or records subject to the physician-patient privilege, the psychologist-patient privilege, the minister, priest, or Christian Science practitioner privilege, or other privilege recognized by statute or court rule.

(i) A bid or proposal by a person to enter into a contract or agreement, until the time for the public opening of bids or proposals, or if a public opening is not to be conducted, until the deadline for submission of bids or proposals has expired.

(j) Appraisals of real property to be acquired by the public body until either of the following occurs:

(i) An agreement is entered into.
(ii) Three years have elapsed since the making of the appraisal, unless litigation relative to the acquisition has not yet terminated.

(k) Test questions and answers, scoring keys, and other examination instruments or data used to administer a license, public employment, or academic examination, unless the public interest in disclosure under this act outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure.

(l) Medical, counseling, or psychological facts or evaluations concerning an individual if the individual's identity would be revealed by a disclosure of those facts or evaluation.

(m) Communications and notes within a public body or between public bodies of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to a final agency determination of policy or action. This exemption does not apply unless the public body shows that in the particular instance the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure. This exemption does not constitute an exemption under state law for purposes of section 8(h) of the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.268. As used in this subdivision, “determination of policy or action” includes a determination relating to collective bargaining, unless the public record is otherwise required to be made available under 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.201 to 423.217.

(n) Records of law enforcement communication codes, or plans for deployment of law enforcement personnel, that if disclosed would prejudice a public body's ability to protect the public safety unless the public interest in disclosure under this act outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure in the particular instance.

(o) Information that would reveal the exact location of archaeological sites. The department of history, arts, and libraries may promulgate rules in accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to provide for the disclosure of the location of archaeological sites for purposes relating to the preservation or scientific examination of sites.

(p) Testing data developed by a public body in determining whether bidders' products meet the specifications for purchase of those products by the public body, if disclosure of the data would reveal that only 1 bidder has met the specifications. This subdivision does not apply after 1 year has elapsed from the time the public body completes the testing.

(q) Academic transcripts of an institution of higher education established under section 5, 6, or 7 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963, if the transcript pertains to a student who is delinquent in the payment of financial obligations to the institution.

(r) Records of a campaign committee including a committee that receives money from a state campaign fund.

(s) Unless the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure in the particular instance, public records of a law enforcement agency, the release of which would do any of the following:
(i) Identify or provide a means of identifying an informant.
(ii) Identify or provide a means of identifying a law enforcement undercover officer or agent or a plain clothes officer as a law enforcement officer or agent.
(iii) Disclose the personal address or telephone number of active or retired law enforcement officers or agents or a special skill that they may have.
(iv) Disclose the name, address, or telephone numbers of family members, relatives, children, or parents of active or retired law enforcement officers or agents.
(v) Disclose operational instructions for law enforcement officers or agents.
(vi) Reveal the contents of staff manuals provided for law enforcement officers or agents.
(vii) Endanger the life or safety of law enforcement officers or agents or their families, relatives, children, parents, or those who furnish information to law enforcement departments or agencies.
(viii) Identify or provide a means of identifying a person as a law enforcement officer, agent, or informant.
(ix) Disclose personnel records of law enforcement agencies.
(x) Identify or provide a means of identifying residences that law enforcement agencies are requested to check in the absence of their owners or tenants.

(t) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, records and information pertaining to an investigation or a compliance conference conducted by the department of consumer and industry services under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838,

before a complaint is issued. This subdivision does not apply to records or information pertaining to 1 or more of the following:

(i) The fact that an allegation has been received and an investigation is being conducted, and the date the allegation was received.

(ii) The fact that an allegation was received by the department of consumer and industry services; the fact that the department of consumer and industry services did not issue a complaint for the allegation; and the fact that the allegation was dismissed.

(u) Records of a public body's security measures, including security plans, security codes and combinations, passwords, passes, keys, and security procedures, to the extent that the records relate to the ongoing security of the public body.

(v) Records or information relating to a civil action in which the requesting party and the public body are parties.

(w) Information or records that would disclose the social security number of an individual.

(x) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, an application for the position of president of an institution of higher education established under section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963, materials submitted with such an application, letters of recommendation or references concerning an applicant, and records or information relating to the process of searching for and selecting an individual for a position described in this subdivision, if the records or information could be used to identify a candidate for the position. However, after 1 or more individuals have been identified as finalists for a position described in this subdivision, this subdivision does not apply to a public record described in this subdivision, except a letter of recommendation or reference, to the extent that the public record relates to an individual identified as a finalist for the position.

(y) Records or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of persons or property, whether public or private, including, but not limited to, building, public works, and public water supply designs to the extent that those designs relate to the ongoing security measures of a public body, capabilities and plans for responding to a violation of the Michigan anti-terrorism act, chapter LXXXIII-A of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.543a to 750.543z, emergency response plans, risk planning documents, threat assessments, and domestic preparedness strategies, unless disclosure would not impair a public body's ability to protect the security or safety of persons or property or unless the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure in the particular instance.

(2) A public body shall exempt from disclosure information that, if released, would prevent the public body from complying with section 444 of subpart 4 of part C of the general education provisions act, title IV of Public Law 90-247, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, commonly referred to as the family educational rights and privacy act of 1974. A public body that is a local or intermediate school district or a public school academy shall exempt from disclosure directory information, as defined by section 444 of subpart 4 of part C of the general education provisions act, title IV of Public Law 90-247, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, commonly referred to as the family educational rights and privacy act of 1974, requested for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation, unless that public body determines that the use is consistent with the educational mission of the public body and beneficial to the affected students. A public body that is a local or intermediate school district or a public school academy may take steps to ensure that directory information disclosed under this subsection shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation. Before disclosing the directory information, a public body that is a local or intermediate school district or a public school academy may require the requester to execute an affidavit stating that directory information provided under this subsection shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation.

(3) This act does not authorize the withholding of information otherwise required by law to be made available to the public or to a party in a contested case under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(4) Except as otherwise exempt under subsection (1), this act does not authorize the withholding of a public record in the possession of the executive office of the governor or lieutenant governor, or an employee of either executive office, if the public record is transferred to the executive office of the governor or lieutenant governor, or an employee of either executive office, after a request for the public record has been received by a state officer, employee, agency, department, division, bureau,

board, commission, council, authority, or other body in the executive branch of government that is subject to this act.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977; --Am. 1978, Act 329, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1978; --Am. 1993, Act 82, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994; --Am. 1996, Act 553, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997; --Am. 2000, Act 88, Imd. Eff. May 1, 2000; --Am. 2001, Act 74, Imd. Eff. July 24, 2001; --Am. 2002, Act 130, Eff. May 1, 2002; --Am. 2002, Act 437, Eff. Aug. 1, 2002.

15.243a Salary records of employee or other official of institution of higher education, school district, intermediate school district, or community college available to public on request.

Sec. 13a. Notwithstanding section 13, an institution of higher education established under section 5, 6, or 7 of article 8 of the state constitution of 1963; a school district as defined in section 6 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 380.6 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; an intermediate school district as defined in section 4 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 380.4 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; or a community college established under Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended, being sections 389.1 to 389.195 of the Michigan Compiled Laws shall upon request make available to the public the salary records of an employee or other official of the institution of higher education, school district, intermediate school district, or community college.

History: Add. 1979, Act 130, Imd. Eff. Oct. 26, 1979.

15.244 Separation of exempt and nonexempt material; design of public record; description of material exempted.

Sec. 14. (1) If a public record contains material which is not exempt under section 13, as well as material which is exempt from disclosure under section 13, the public body shall separate the exempt and nonexempt material and make the nonexempt material available for examination and copying.

(2) When designing a public record, a public body shall, to the extent practicable, facilitate a separation of exempt from nonexempt information. If the separation is readily apparent to a person requesting to inspect or receive copies of the form, the public body shall generally describe the material exempted unless that description would reveal the contents of the exempt information and thus defeat the purpose of the exemption.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977.

15.245 Repeal of §§ 24.221, 24.222, and 24.223.

Sec. 15. Sections 21, 22 and 23 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.221, 24.222 and 24.223 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are repealed.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977.

15.246 Effective date.

Sec. 16. This act shall take effect 90 days after being signed by the governor.

History: 1976, Act 442, Eff. Apr. 13, 1977.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Act 267 of 1976

AN ACT to require certain meetings of certain public bodies to be open to the public; to require notice and the keeping of minutes of meetings; to provide for enforcement; to provide for invalidation of governmental decisions under certain circumstances; to provide penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

15.261 Short title; effect of act on certain charter provisions, ordinances, or resolutions.

Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Open meetings act".

(2) This act shall supersede all local charter provisions, ordinances, or resolutions which relate to requirements for meetings of local public bodies to be open to the public.

(3) After the effective date of this act, nothing in this act shall prohibit a public body from adopting an ordinance, resolution, rule, or charter provision which would require a greater degree of openness relative to meetings of public bodies than the standards provided for in this act.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.262 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Public body" means any state or local legislative or governing body, including a board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority, or council, that is empowered by state constitution, statute, charter, ordinance, resolution, or rule to exercise governmental or proprietary authority or perform a governmental or proprietary function; a lessee of such a body performing an essential public purpose and function pursuant to the lease agreement; or the board of a nonprofit corporation formed by a city under section 4o of the home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.4o.

(b) "Meeting" means the convening of a public body at which a quorum is present for the purpose of deliberating toward or rendering a decision on a public policy, or any meeting of the board of a nonprofit corporation formed by a city under section 4o of the home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.4o.

(c) "Closed session" means a meeting or part of a meeting of a public body that is closed to the public.

(d) "Decision" means a determination, action, vote, or disposition upon a motion, proposal, recommendation, resolution, order, ordinance, bill, or measure on which a vote by members of a public body is required and by which a public body effectuates or formulates public policy.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 2001, Act 38, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2001.

15.263 Meetings, decisions, and deliberations of public body; requirements; attending or addressing meeting of public body; tape-recording, videotaping, broadcasting, and telecasting proceedings; rules and regulations; exclusion from meeting; exemptions.

Sec. 3. (1) All meetings of a public body shall be open to the public and shall be held in a place available to the general public. All persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except as otherwise provided in this act. The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape-record, to videotape, to broadcast live on radio, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting. The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body. However, a public body may establish reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting.

(2) All decisions of a public body shall be made at a meeting open to the public.

(3) All deliberations of a public body constituting a quorum of its members shall take place at a meeting open to the public except as provided in this section and sections 7 and 8.

(4) A person shall not be required as a condition of attendance at a meeting of a public body to register or otherwise provide his or her name or other information or otherwise to fulfill a condition precedent to attendance.
(5) A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under rules established and recorded by the public body. The legislature or a house of the legislature may provide by rule that the right to address may be limited to prescribed times at hearings and committee meetings only.
(6) A person shall not be excluded from a meeting otherwise open to the public except for a breach of the peace actually committed at the meeting.
(7) This act does not apply to the following public bodies only when deliberating the merits of a case:
(a) The worker's compensation appeal board created under the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 418.101 to 418.941 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(b) The employment security board of review created under the Michigan employment security act, Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1936, as amended, being sections 421.1 to 421.73 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(c) The state tenure commission created under Act No. 4 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1937, as amended, being sections 38.71 to 38.191 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, when acting as a board of review from the decision of a controlling board.
(d) An arbitrator or arbitration panel appointed by the employment relations commission under the authority given the commission by Act No. 176 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being sections 423.1 to 423.30 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(e) An arbitration panel selected under chapter 50A of the revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being sections 600.5040 to 600.5065 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(f) The Michigan public service commission created under Act No. 3 of the Public Acts of 1939, being sections 460.1 to 460.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(8) This act does not apply to an association of insurers created under the insurance code of 1956, Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, being sections 500.100 to 500.8302 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or other association or facility formed under Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956 as a nonprofit organization of insurer members.
(9) This act does not apply to a committee of a public body which adopts a nonpolicymaking resolution of tribute or memorial which resolution is not adopted at a meeting.
(10) This act does not apply to a meeting which is a social or chance gathering or conference not designed to avoid this act.
(11) This act shall not apply to the Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees or a county or district committee created under Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of the first extra session of 1946, being sections 35.601 to 35.610 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, when the board of trustees or county or district committee is deliberating the merits of an emergent need. A decision of the board of trustees or county or district committee made under this subsection shall be reconsidered by the board or committee at its next regular or special meeting consistent with the requirements of this act. "Emergent need" means a situation which the board of trustees, by rules promulgated under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, determines requires immediate action.
History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 1981, Act 161, Imd. Eff. Nov. 30, 1981; --Am. 1986, Act 269, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986; --Am. 1988, Act 158, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988; --Am. 1988, Act 278, Imd. Eff. July 27, 1988.
Admin Rule: R 35.621 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

15.264 Public notice of meetings generally; contents; places of posting.
Sec. 4. The following provisions shall apply with respect to public notice of meetings:
(a) A public notice shall always contain the name of the public body to which the notice applies, its telephone number if one exists, and its address.
(b) A public notice for a public body shall always be posted at its principal office and any other locations considered appropriate by the public body. Cable television may also be utilized for purposes of posting public notice.
(c) If a public body is a part of a state department, part of the legislative or judicial branch of state government, part of an institution of higher education, or part of a political subdivision or school

district, a public notice shall also be posted in the respective principal office of the state department, the institution of higher education, clerk of the house of representatives, secretary of the state senate, clerk of the supreme court, or political subdivision or school district.
(d) If a public body does not have a principal office, the required public notice for a local public body shall be posted in the office of the county clerk in which the public body serves and the required public notice for a state public body shall be posted in the office of the secretary of state.
History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 1984, Act 87, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1984.

15.265 Public notice of regular meetings, change in schedule of regular meetings, rescheduled regular meetings, or special meetings; time for posting; statement of date, time, and place; applicability of subsection (4); recess or adjournment; emergency sessions; meeting in residential dwelling; notice.

Sec. 5. (1) A meeting of a public body shall not be held unless public notice is given as provided in this section by a person designated by the public body.
(2) For regular meetings of a public body, there shall be posted within 10 days after the first meeting of the public body in each calendar or fiscal year a public notice stating the dates, times, and places of its regular meetings.
(3) If there is a change in the schedule of regular meetings of a public body, there shall be posted within 3 days after the meeting at which the change is made, a public notice stating the new dates, times, and places of its regular meetings.
(4) Except as provided in this subsection or in subsection (6), for a rescheduled regular or a special meeting of a public body, a public notice stating the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be posted at least 18 hours before the meeting. The requirement of 18-hour notice shall not apply to special meetings of subcommittees of a public body or conference committees of the state legislature. A conference committee shall give a 6-hour notice. A second conference committee shall give a 1-hour notice. Notice of a conference committee meeting shall include written notice to each member of the conference committee and the majority and minority leader of each house indicating time and place of the meeting. This subsection does not apply to a public meeting held pursuant to section 4(2) to (5) of Act No. 239 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, being section 200.304 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(5) A meeting of a public body which is recessed for more than 36 hours shall be reconvened only after public notice, which is equivalent to that required under subsection (4), has been posted. If either house of the state legislature is adjourned or recessed for less than 18 hours, the notice provisions of subsection (4) are not applicable. Nothing in this section shall bar a public body from meeting in emergency session in the event of a severe and imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public when 2/3 of the members serving on the body decide that delay would be detrimental to efforts to lessen or respond to the threat.
(6) A meeting of a public body may only take place in a residential dwelling if a nonresidential building within the boundary of the local governmental unit or school system is not available without cost to the public body. For a meeting of a public body which is held in a residential dwelling, notice of the meeting shall be published as a display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or township in which the meeting is to be held. The notice shall be published not less than 2 days before the day on which the meeting is held, and shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting. The notice, which shall be at the bottom of the display advertisement and which shall be set off in a conspicuous manner, shall include the following language: “This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's open meetings act”.
History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 1978, Act 256, Imd. Eff. June 21, 1978; --Am. 1982, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Apr. 22, 1982; --Am. 1984, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1984.

15.266 Providing copies of public notice on written request; fee.

Sec. 6. (1) Upon the written request of an individual, organization, firm, or corporation, and upon the requesting party's payment of a yearly fee of not more than the reasonable estimated cost for printing and postage of such notices, a public body shall send to the requesting party by first class mail a copy of any notice required to be posted pursuant to section 5(2) to (5).

(2) Upon written request, a public body, at the same time a public notice of a meeting is posted pursuant to section 5, shall provide a copy of the public notice of that meeting to any newspaper published in the state and to any radio and television station located in the state, free of charge.
History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.267 Closed sessions; roll call vote; separate set of minutes.

Sec. 7. (1) A 2/3 roll call vote of members elected or appointed and serving is required to call a closed session, except for the closed sessions permitted under section 8(a), (b), (c), (g), (i), and (j). The roll call vote and the purpose or purposes for calling the closed session shall be entered into the minutes of the meeting at which the vote is taken.

(2) A separate set of minutes shall be taken by the clerk or the designated secretary of the public body at the closed session. These minutes shall be retained by the clerk of the public body, are not available to the public, and shall only be disclosed if required by a civil action filed under section 10, 11, or 13. These minutes may be destroyed 1 year and 1 day after approval of the minutes of the regular meeting at which the closed session was approved.
History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 1993, Act 81, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994; --Am. 1996, Act 464, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1996.

15.268 Closed sessions; permissible purposes.

Sec. 8. A public body may meet in a closed session only for the following purposes:

(a) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open sessions.

(b) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

(c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

(d) To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

(e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

(f) To review and consider the contents of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential. However, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, all interviews by a public body for employment or appointment to a public office shall be held in an open meeting pursuant to this act. This subdivision does not apply to a public office described in subdivision (j).

(g) Partisan caucuses of members of the state legislature.

(h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

(i) For a compliance conference conducted by the department of commerce under section 16231 of the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 333.16231 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, before a complaint is issued.

(j) In the process of searching for and selecting a president of an institution of higher education established under section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963, to review the specific contents of an application, to conduct an interview with a candidate, or to discuss the specific qualifications of a candidate if the particular process of searching for and selecting a president of an institution of higher education meets all of the following requirements:

(i) The search committee in the process, appointed by the governing board, consists of at least 1 student of the institution, 1 faculty member of the institution, 1 administrator of the institution, 1 alumnus of the institution, and 1 representative of the general public. The search committee also may include 1 or more members of the governing board of the institution, but the number shall not constitute a quorum of the governing board. However, the search committee shall not be

constituted in such a way that any 1 of the groups described in this subparagraph constitutes a majority of the search committee.

(ii) After the search committee recommends the 5 final candidates, the governing board does not take a vote on a final selection for the president until at least 30 days after the 5 final candidates have been publicly identified by the search committee.

(iii) The deliberations and vote of the governing board of the institution on selecting the president take place in an open session of the governing board.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 1984, Act 202, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1984; --Am. 1993, Act 81, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994; --Am. 1996, Act 464, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1996.

15.269 Minutes generally.

Sec. 9. (1) Each public body shall keep minutes of each meeting showing the date, time, place, members present, members absent, any decisions made at a meeting open to the public, and the purpose or purposes for which a closed session is held. The minutes shall include all roll call votes taken at the meeting. Corrections in the minutes shall be made not later than the next meeting after the meeting to which the minutes refer. Corrected minutes shall be available no later than the next subsequent meeting after correction. The corrected minutes shall show both the original entry and the correction.

(2) Minutes shall be public records open to public inspection and shall be available at the address designated on posted public notices pursuant to section 4. Copies of the minutes shall be available to the public at the reasonable estimated cost for printing and copying.

(3) Proposed minutes shall be available for public inspection not more than 8 business days after the meeting to which the minutes refer. Approved minutes shall be available for public inspection not later than 5 business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved by the public body.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977; --Am. 1982, Act 130, Imd. Eff. Apr. 20, 1982.

15.270 Decisions of public body; presumption; civil action to invalidate; jurisdiction; venue; reenactment of disputed decision.

Sec. 10. (1) Decisions of a public body shall be presumed to have been adopted in compliance with the requirements of this act. The attorney general, the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the public body serves, or any person may commence a civil action in the circuit court to challenge the validity of a decision of a public body made in violation of this act.

(2) A decision made by a public body may be invalidated if the public body has not complied with the requirements of section 3(1), (2), and (3) in making the decision or if failure to give notice in accordance with section 5 has interfered with substantial compliance with section 3(1), (2), and (3) and the court finds that the noncompliance or failure has impaired the rights of the public under this act.

(3) The circuit court shall not have jurisdiction to invalidate a decision of a public body for a violation of this act unless an action is commenced pursuant to this section within the following specified period of time:

(a) Within 60 days after the approved minutes are made available to the public by the public body except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b).

(b) If the decision involves the approval of contracts, the receipt or acceptance of bids, the making of assessments, the procedures pertaining to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, or the submission of a borrowing proposal to the electors, within 30 days after the approved minutes are made available to the public pursuant to that decision.

(4) Venue for an action under this section shall be any county in which a local public body serves or, if the decision of a state public body is at issue, in Ingham county.

(5) In any case where an action has been initiated to invalidate a decision of a public body on the ground that it was not taken in conformity with the requirements of this act, the public body may, without being deemed to make any admission contrary to its interest, reenact the disputed decision in conformity with this act. A decision reenacted in this manner shall be effective from the date of reenactment and shall not be declared invalid by reason of a deficiency in the procedure used for its initial enactment.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.271 Civil action to compel compliance or enjoin noncompliance; commencement; venue; security not required; commencement of action for mandamus; court costs and attorney fees.

Sec. 11. (1) If a public body is not complying with this act, the attorney general, prosecuting attorney of the county in which the public body serves, or a person may commence a civil action to compel compliance or to enjoin further noncompliance with this act.

(2) An action for injunctive relief against a local public body shall be commenced in the circuit court, and venue is proper in any county in which the public body serves. An action for an injunction against a state public body shall be commenced in the circuit court and venue is proper in any county in which the public body has its principal office, or in Ingham county. If a person commences an action for injunctive relief, that person shall not be required to post security as a condition for obtaining a preliminary injunction or a temporary restraining order.

(3) An action for mandamus against a public body under this act shall be commenced in the court of appeals.

(4) If a public body is not complying with this act, and a person commences a civil action against the public body for injunctive relief to compel compliance or to enjoin further noncompliance with the act and succeeds in obtaining relief in the action, the person shall recover court costs and actual attorney fees for the action.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.272 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 12. (1) A public official who intentionally violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000.00.

(2) A public official who is convicted of intentionally violating a provision of this act for a second time within the same term shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than $2,000.00, or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.273 Violation; liability.

Sec. 13. (1) A public official who intentionally violates this act shall be personally liable in a civil action for actual and exemplary damages of not more than $500.00 total, plus court costs and actual attorney fees to a person or group of persons bringing the action.

(2) Not more than 1 action under this section shall be brought against a public official for a single meeting. An action under this section shall be commenced within 180 days after the date of the violation which gives rise to the cause of action.

(3) An action for damages under this section may be joined with an action for injunctive or exemplary relief under section 11.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.273a Selection of president by governing board of higher education institution; violation; civil fine.

Sec. 13a. If the governing board of an institution of higher education established under section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963 violates this act with respect to the process of selecting a president of the institution at any time after the recommendation of final candidates to the governing board, as described in section 8(j), the institution is responsible for the payment of a civil fine of not more than $500,000.00. This civil fine is in addition to any other remedy or penalty under this act. To the extent possible, any payment of fines imposed under this section shall be paid from funds allocated by the institution of higher education to pay for the travel and expenses of the members of the governing board.

History: Add. 1996, Act 464, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1996.

15.274 Repeal of §§ 15.251 to 15.253.

Sec. 14. Act No. 261 of the Public Acts of 1968, being sections 15.251 to 15.253 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is repealed.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

15.275 Effective date.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect January 1, 1977.

History: 1976, Act 267, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Act 318 of 1968

AN ACT to implement the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution relating to substantial conflicts of interest on the part of members of the legislature and state officers in respect to contracts with the state and the political subdivisions thereof; to provide for penalties for the violation thereof; to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act; and to validate certain contracts.
History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

15.301 Conflict of interest; purpose.

Sec. 1.This statute is enacted for the purpose of implementing the provisions of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution. Therefore, this act shall be taken into consideration in determining the construction and effect to be given the constitutional section, insofar as the same is constitutionally possible.
History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968

15.302 Direct or indirect interest in state contracts prohibited.

Sec. 2. No member of the legislature, herein referred to as a "legislator", nor any state officer shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the state or any political subdivision thereof which shall cause a substantial conflict of interest.
History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968

15.303 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:
(a) The term "state officer" means only a person occupying one of the following offices established by the constitution: governor; lieutenant governor; secretary of state; state treasurer; attorney general; auditor general; superintendent of public instruction; member of the state board of education; regent of the university of Michigan; trustee of Michigan State University; governor of Wayne State University; member of a board of control of one of the other institutions of higher education named in section 4 of article 8 of the constitution or established by law as therein provided; president of each of the foregoing universities and institutions of higher learning; member of the state board for public community and junior colleges; member of the supreme court; member of the court of appeals; member of the state highway commission; director of the state highway commission; member of the liquor control commission; member of the board of state canvassers; member of the commission on legislative apportionment; member of the civil service commission; state personnel director; or member of the civil rights commission; together with his principal deputy who by law under specified circumstances, may exercise independently some or all of the sovereign powers of his principal whenever the deputy is actually exercising such powers.
(b) "Political subdivision" includes all public bodies corporate within but not including the state, including all agencies thereof or any non-incorporated body within the state of whatever nature, including all agencies thereof.
History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968.

15.304 Pecuniary interest; cases in which there is no substantial conflict of interest.

Sec. 4. (1) As used in section 2, "interested" means a pecuniary interest.
(2) If there is a conflict of interest on the part of a legislator or state officer in respect to a contract with the state or a political subdivision of the state, to be prohibited by this act his or her personal interest must be of such substance as to induce action on his or her part to promote the contract for his or her own personal benefit.
(3) In the following cases, there is no substantial conflict of interest:
(a) A contract between the state or a political subdivision of the state and any of the following:

(i) A corporation in which a legislator or state officer is a stockholder owning 1% or less of the total stock outstanding in any class if the stock is not listed on a stock exchange or the stock has a present market value of $25,000.00 or less if the stock is listed on a stock exchange.

(ii) A corporation in which a trust, where a legislator or state officer is a beneficiary under the trust, owns 1% or less of the total stock outstanding in any class if the stock is not listed on a stock exchange or the stock has a present market value of $25,000.00 or less if the stock is listed on a stock exchange.

(iii) A professional limited liability company organized pursuant to the Michigan limited liability company act, Act No. 23 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 450.5101 to 450.6200 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, if a legislator or state officer is an employee but not a member of the company.

(b) A contract between the state or a political subdivision of the state and any of the following:

(i) A corporation in which a legislator or state officer is a stockholder owning more than 1% of the total stock outstanding in any class if the stock is not listed on a stock exchange or the stock has a present market value in excess of $25,000.00 if the stock is listed on a stock exchange or a director, officer, or employee.

(ii) A firm, partnership, or other unincorporated association, in which a legislator or state officer is a partner, member, or employee.

(iii) A corporation or firm that has an indebtedness owed to a legislator or state officer.

(iv) A trustee or trustees under a trust in which a legislator or state officer is a beneficiary or trustee or a corporation in whose stock the trust funds are invested, if the investment includes more than 1% of the total stock outstanding in any class if the stock is not listed on a stock exchange or if the stock has a present market value in excess of $25,000.00 if the stock is listed on a stock exchange, if the legislator or state officer does not solicit the contract, takes no part in the negotiations for or in the approval of the contract or any amendment to the contract, and does not in any way represent either party in the transaction and the contract is not with or authorized by the department or agency of the state or a political subdivision with which the state officer is connected.

(c) A contract between the state and a political subdivision of the state or between political subdivisions of the state.

(d) A contract awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, upon receipt of sealed bids pursuant to a published notice for bids provided the notice does not bar, except as authorized by law, any qualified person, firm, corporation, or trust from bidding. This subdivision does not apply to amendments or renegotiations of a contract or to additional payments under the contract which were not authorized by the contract at the time of award.

(e) A contract for public utility services where the rates for the services are regulated by the state or federal government.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968;-- Am. 1994, Act 292, Imd. Eff. July 14, 1994.

15.304a Contract arising from status of being both student and member of governing board.

Sec. 4a. In addition to the cases set forth in section 4, there shall not be deemed to be a conflict of interest with respect to a contract arising out of the status of being a student at an institution of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees or an institution established pursuant to section 7 of article 8 of the state constitution of 1963 where the student is elected or appointed to the governing board of the institution of higher education.

History: Add. 1974, Act 317, Imd. Eff. Dec. 15, 1974;-- Am. 1976, Act 423, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 1977.

15.305 Voidability of contracts; procedure; knowledge; limitation on actions; reimbursement; amicable settlement; evidences of indebtedness.

Sec. 5. (1) This act, following the evident intent of section 10 of article 4 of the constitution, is aimed to prevent legislators and state officers from engaging in certain activities under circumstances creating a substantial conflict of interest and is not intended to penalize innocent persons. Therefore, no contract shall be absolutely void by reason of this act or the constitutional provision which it implements. Contracts involving a prohibited conflict of interest under this act and said constitutional provision shall be voidable only by decree of a court of proper jurisdiction in an action by the state or

a political subdivision which is a party thereto, as to any person, firm, corporation or trust that entered into said contract or took any assignment thereof, with actual knowledge of such prohibited conflict. In the case of a corporation, the actual knowledge must be that of a person or body finally approving the contract for the corporation. All actions to avoid any contract hereunder shall be brought within 1 year after discovery of circumstances suggesting the existence of a violation of the constitutional provision as implemented by this act. In order to meet the ends of justice any such decree shall provide for the reimbursement of any person, firm, corporation or trust for the reasonable value of all moneys, goods, materials, labor or services furnished under the contract, to the extent that the state or political subdivision has benefited thereby. This provision shall not prohibit the parties from arriving at an amicable settlement.

(2) Negotiable and nonnegotiable bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness, whether heretofore or hereafter issued, in the hands of purchasers for value, shall not be void or voidable by reason of this act or of the constitutional provision which it implements or of any previous statute, charter or rule of law.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968

15.306 Existing contracts; validity.

Sec. 6. If the state or any political subdivision thereof has, prior to the effective date of this act, entered into any contract under which moneys, goods, materials, labor or services, have been actually received by the state or the political subdivision, which was void or voidable under any act, charter or rule of law because of conflict of interest on the part of a legislator or state officer at the time of the execution thereof, such contract shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding such conflict of interest, by any party thereto other than such legislator or state officer.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968.

15.307 Legislative committee on conflict of interest; appointment, duties and powers; prohibitions; violations.

Sec. 7. There is created a special committee of the legislature on conflict of interest (herein referred to as the committee) to consist of 3 members of the senate and 3 members of the house of representatives, at least 1 of whom from each house shall be a member of the minority party, to be appointed in the same manner as standing committees of the senate and the house. The committee shall have the following duties and powers:

(a) It shall establish, by majority vote, its rules and procedures;

(b) Its members shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and necessary expenses while on the business of the committee;

(c) It may, upon the request of any member of the legislature, render advisory opinions to legislators as to whether under the facts and circumstances of a particular case a legislator is interested directly or indirectly in a contract with the state or any political subdivision thereof which shall cause a substantial conflict of interest;

(d) It may insure that the identity of persons involved in any request for advisory opinions shall not be disclosed in the request, advisory opinion or otherwise.

Any member of the legislature who is licensed as an attorney is prohibited from appearing in any nonadversary or nonministerial proceeding before any state department, office, board or commission of the executive branch of government.

Any member of the legislature willfully violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the house of which he is a member.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968.

15.308 Conflicts of interest; state officers, violations.

Sec. 8. Any state officer willfully violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the governor if he is an administrative officer of the state or if he be a judicial officer of the state, then by the governor on a concurrent resolution adopted by 2/3 of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968.

15.309 Conflicts of interest; controlling law.

Sec. 9. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, it being the intention hereof that the provisions of said section 10 of article 4 of the constitution as implemented by this act, shall constitute the sole law in respect to conflicts of interest involving legislators and state officers in contracts with the state or its political subdivisions.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968.

15.310 Effective date.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect September 1, 1968.

History: 1968, Act 318, Eff. Sept. 1, 1968.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Act 196 of 1973

AN ACT to prescribe standards of conduct for public officers and employees; to create a state board of ethics and prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe remedies and penalties.

History: 1973, Act 196, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1974;--Am. 1980, Act 481, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

15.341 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Board" means the board of ethics.

(b) "Employee" means an employee, classified or unclassified, of the executive branch of this state. For the purpose of section 2b, employee shall include an employee of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(c) "Public officer" means a person appointed by the governor or another executive department official. For the purpose of section 2b, public officer shall include an elected or appointed official of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(d) "Unethical conduct" means a violation of the standards in section 2.

History: 1973, Act 196, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1974;--Am. 1980, Act 481, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981.

Compiler's Note: Section 191 of Act 227 of the Public Acts of 1975 repealed §§4.401 to 4.410, 168.901 to 168.929, 15.321 to 15.330, 15.301 to 15.310, and 15.341 to 15.348. The Michigan Supreme Court, however, in Advisory Opinion on Constitutionality of 1975 PA 227, 396 Mich. 123, 240 N.W.2d 193 (1976), held Act 227 of the Public Acts of 1975 unconstitutional for being in violation of Mich. Const., Art. 4, § 24.

15.342 Public officer or employee; prohibited conduct.

Sec. 2. (1) A public officer or employee shall not divulge to an unauthorized person, confidential information acquired in the course of employment in advance of the time prescribed for its authorized release to the public.

(2) A public officer or employee shall not represent his or her personal opinion as that of an agency.

(3) A public officer or employee shall use personnel resources, property, and funds under the officer or employee's official care and control judiciously and solely in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures and not for personal gain or benefit.

(4) A public officer or employee shall not solicit or accept a gift or loan of money, goods, services, or other thing of value for the benefit of a person or organization, other than the state, which tends to influence the manner in which the public officer or employee or another public officer or employee performs official duties.

(5) A public officer or employee shall not engage in a business transaction in which the public officer or employee may profit from his or her official position or authority or benefit financially from confidential information which the public officer or employee has obtained or may obtain by reason of that position or authority. Instruction which is not done during regularly scheduled working hours except for annual leave or vacation time shall not be considered a business transaction pursuant to this subsection if the instructor does not have any direct dealing with or influence on the employing or contracting facility associated with his or her course of employment with this state.

(6) Except as provided in section 2a, a public officer or employee shall not engage in or accept employment or render services for a private or public interest when that employment or service is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge of the officer or employee's official duties or when that employment may tend to impair his or her independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties.

(7) Except as provided in section 2a, a public officer or employee shall not participate in the negotiation or execution of contracts, making of loans, granting of subsidies, fixing of rates, issuance of permits or certificates, or other regulation or supervision relating to a business entity in which the public officer or employee has a financial or personal interest.

History: 1973, Act 196, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1974;--Am. 1978, Act 352, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1978;--Am. 1984, Act 53, Imd. Eff. Apr. 12, 1984.

Compiler's Note: Section 191 of Act 227 of the Public Acts of 1975 repealed §§4.401 to 4.410, 168.901 to 168.929, 15.321 to 15.330, 15.301 to 15.310, and 15.341 to 15.348. The Michigan Supreme Court, however, in Advisory Opinion on Constitutionality of 1975 PA 227, 396 Mich. 123, 240 N.W.2d 193 (1976), held Act 227 of the Public Acts of 1975 unconstitutional for being in violation of Mich. Const., Art. 4, § 24.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Act 169 of 1976

AN ACT to regulate certain political activities by certain public employees; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to provide penalties.

History: 1976, Act 169, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1976;--Am. 1979, Act 15, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1979.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

15.401 "Public employee" defined.

Sec. 1. As used in this act, "public employee" means an employee of the state classified civil service, or an employee of a political subdivision of the state who is not an elected official.

History: 1976, Act 169, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1976.

Constitutionality: In Council No. 11, AFSCME v. Civil Service Commission, 408 Mich. 385, 292 N.W.2d 442 (1980), the Michigan Supreme Court held that Act No. 169 of the Public Acts of 1976 offends no provision of the Michigan constitution.

15.403 Employee of political subdivision of state; permissible political activities; resignation; leave of absence.

Sec. 3. (1) An employee of a political subdivision of the state may:

(a) Become a member of a political party committee formed or authorized under the election laws of this state.

(b) Be a delegate to a state convention, or a district or county convention held by a political party in this state.

(c) Become a candidate for nomination and election to any state elective office, or any district, county, city, village, township, school district, or other local elective office without first obtaining a leave of absence from his employment. If the person becomes a candidate for elective office within the unit of government or school district in which he is employed, unless contrary to a collective bargaining agreement the employer may require the person to request and take a leave of absence without pay when he complies with the candidacy filing requirements, or 60 days before any election relating to that position, whichever date is closer to the election.

(d) Engage in other political activities on behalf of a candidate or issue in connection with partisan or nonpartisan elections.

(2) However, a public employee of a unit of local government or school district who is elected to an office within that unit of local government or school district shall resign or may be granted a leave of absence from his employment during his elected term.

History: 1976, Act 169, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1976.

15.404 Active engagement in permissible activities; certain hours prohibited.

Sec. 4. The activities permitted by sections 2 and 3 shall not be actively engaged in by a public employee during those hours when that person is being compensated for the performance of that person's duties as a public employee.

History: 1976, Act 169, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1976.

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING

Act 71 of 1919

21.44c Schedule of derivative instruments and products; filing copies with library of Michigan and depository libraries; availability of report and statement for public inspection.

Sec. 4c. (1) The department of treasury shall promptly file with the library of Michigan a sufficient number of copies of a schedule of derivative instruments and products described in section 4a(2)(b) or (d) and obtained under section 4a or section 4b to deposit 1 copy in the library of Michigan and 1 copy in each depository library.

(2) The library of Michigan and depository libraries shall serve as depositories for schedules of derivative instruments and products described in section 4a(2)(b) or (d) in the manner required by sections 9 and 10 of the library of Michigan act, Act No. 540 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 397.19 and 397.20 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The library of Michigan and each depository library shall promptly make a schedule of derivative instruments and products described in section 4a(2)(b) or (d) available to the public.

(3) A county shall obtain and retain a copy of an annual financial report submitted under this act. A county or the state treasurer shall make an annual financial report prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the county or state treasurer available for public inspection under the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(4) A department, institution, or office of state government shall obtain and retain subject to sections 284 to 292 of the management and budget act, Act No. 431 of the Public Acts of 1984, being sections 18.1284 to 18.1292 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, a copy of a statement submitted under section 4a(1). A department, institution, or office of state government, including but not limited to the auditor general, shall make a statement under section 4a(1) prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the department, institution, or office of state government available for public inspection under Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976.

History: Add. 1996, Act 426, Imd. Eff. Nov. 25, 1996.

LAWS, DOCUMENTS, AND REPORTS

Act 44 of 1899

AN ACT to provide for the publication and distribution of publications, laws, and documents, reports of the several officers, boards of officers and public institutions of this state now or hereafter to be published; to provide for the replacing of publications lost by fire or otherwise; to provide for the publication and distribution of the Michigan manual; to provide for duties of certain state and local government departments and agencies; to establish certain funds; and to provide for certain penalties and remedies.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--Am. 1958, Act 161, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958 ;--Am. 1988, Act 185, Eff. July 1, 1988 ;--Am. 1995, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

24.2 Public and local acts; publication; publication of additional copies; deposit of copies with department of management and budget; reprints of laws; publishing laws relating to revenues of state; "publication" or "published" defined.

Sec. 2. (1) The legislative service bureau, at the direction of the legislative council, shall publish at least 1 print copy of the publication containing the public and local acts of each session of the legislature. The legislative service bureau shall also make the publication containing the public and local acts of each session of the legislature available on the Internet.

(2) There may be published additional copies of the public and local acts as the legislative service bureau, upon the direction of the legislative council, considers necessary. Unless otherwise directed by the legislative service bureau, these copies shall be deposited with the department of management and budget for sale and future distribution.

(3) The legislative service bureau may prepare, at not less than the actual cost, reprints of laws upon particular subjects for printing and distribution. The department of treasury shall publish and distribute all pamphlets of the general tax law or of all other laws relating to the revenues of the state.

(4) As used in this section, "publication" or "published" means the production and dissemination of information in print, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic form.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--Am. 1911, Act 240, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911 ;--Am. 1915, Act 29, Eff. Aug. 24, 1915 ;--CL 1915, 821 ;--Am. 1921, Act 32, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921 ;--CL 1929, 487 ;--Am. 1931, Act 187, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;--CL 1948, 24.2 ;--Am. 1958, Act 161, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958 ;--Am. 1983, Act 97, Imd. Eff. June 23, 1983;--Am. 1995, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995;--Am. 2004, Act 15, Imd. Eff. Mar. 4, 2004.

24.4 Publications to be marked as state property.

Sec. 4. All the copies of the state laws, legislative manuals, and other publications, hereafter published and distributed, and required to be retained in any library, or passed over by any officer to his or her successor in office, shall have marked the words "State property."

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--CL 1915, 823 ;--CL 1929, 489 ;--CL 1948, 24.4 ;--Am. 1995, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995.

24.6 Official journals of senate and house; style of type; size of page; maximum number of copies; size of volume; distribution; approval required for additional copies; deposit of surplus supply.

Sec. 6. (1) The official journal of the senate and house of representatives shall be printed in highland type or equivalent, same size of page as that of the journals of 1929, and not to exceed 500 copies shall be printed and bound, in volumes of convenient size, to supply the following with 1 copy each:

(a) Each principal state department.

(b) The members of the legislature of the year when the journals are issued, the secretary, assistant secretary and clerks of the senate, and the clerk and assistant clerks of the house of representatives, and the legislative service bureau.

(c) The library of congress.

(d) The clerk of the state supreme court.

(e) State supported universities or colleges.

(f) Private universities and colleges in this state, upon written request to the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house of representatives, or both.

(2) Additional copies may be provided to any other governmental officers and agencies and libraries, when approved by the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house of representatives, or both. The surplus supply shall be deposited with the department of management and budget, to supply future demands.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--CL 1915, 825 ;--CL 1929, 491 ;--Am. 1933, Act 3, Imd. Eff. Feb. 13, 1933;--Am. 1939, Act 40, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1939;--CL 1948, 24.6 ;--Am. 1983, Act 97, Imd. Eff. June 23, 1983.

24.20 Copies for use and exchanges by state library.

Sec. 20. Copies of all publications, reports, and documents as provided in this act may be provided for use and exchanges by the state library as the state librarian may consider necessary for such purpose.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--CL 1915, 838 ;--CL 1929, 504 ;--CL 1948, 24.20 ;--Am. 1958, Act 161, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958 ;--Am. 1995, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995.

24.30 Michigan manual; number of copies to be published; distribution; price; sale; creation and administration of Michigan manual fund; disposition and use of money received from sale of Michigan manual; "publication" or "published" defined; U.S. Constitution to be included.

Sec. 30. (1) The legislative service bureau shall publish sufficient copies of the "Michigan Manual", to be distributed as provided in subsection (2) and as directed by the legislative council.

(2) The department of management and budget shall deliver the following number of copies to the following persons:

(a) Members of the senate, 1.

(b) Members of the house, 1.

(3) The legislative service bureau shall determine a price per publication copy not to exceed the cost of preparation and distribution and, unless directed otherwise by the legislative service bureau, the department of management and budget shall sell the copies of the publication not distributed pursuant to subsection (2).

(4) The Michigan manual fund is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the legislative council. Any money received from the sale of the Michigan manual shall be deposited with the state treasurer to the credit of the Michigan manual fund and shall be used to pay the costs of preparing and distributing the Michigan manual.

(5) As used in this section, "publication" or "published" means the production and dissemination of information in print, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic form.

(6) The legislative service bureau, under section 25(nn), shall include in the Michigan manual the United States constitution, including amendments, unless otherwise specifically directed by the legislative council.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--CL 1915, 848 ;--Am. 1917, Act 325, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917 ;--Am. 1921, Act 105, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921 ;--CL 1929, 513 ;--CL 1948, 24.30 ;--Am. 1951, Act 27, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951 ;--Am. 1981, Act 46, Imd. Eff. May 13, 1981;--Am. 1986, Act 56, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 1986;--Am. 1988, Act 185, Eff. July 1, 1988 ;--Am. 1995, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995.

24.33 State publications; distribution by county clerks and superintendents of schools.

Sec. 33. It shall be the duty of the several county clerks and county superintendents of schools, upon receiving any of the books mentioned in this act, to receipt to the secretary of state for the same, which receipt shall be filed and preserved in the office of the secretary of state; and it shall also be the duty of the said county clerks and county superintendents of schools to distribute said books as provided in this act, and to report at the expiration of a month after each reception of books to the secretary of state, on blanks furnished by him, by giving a full statement of all of said books remaining in his office, together with the names of the officers neglecting to call for the books to which they are entitled; and it shall be the duty of all persons, upon receiving any of the books mentioned in this act, to receipt respectively to the county clerk and county superintendent of schools for the same, which receipt shall be filed and preserved in the office of the county clerk and county superintendent of schools respectively. It shall also be the duty of the secretary of state to notify each person to whom any books are sent, except township officers, either directly or in care of the county clerk, which are required by this act to be kept in any library or passed over to any successor in office, and that each person receiving such notice shall, within a reasonable time, apply to the county clerk

for the books mentioned in this notice, if such books were sent to the county clerk, and obtain the same; and if such books have been received by the county clerk and are not called for as aforesaid, such person thus notified shall be held responsible in the same manner and to the like extent as in the case of his neglect or refusal to deliver over to his successor books received by him, except that books sent for the use of township officers may be sent to either the township clerk or county clerk, when the secretary of state shall notify the township clerk, who shall draw all of the books for the officers of his township and distribute the same.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--CL 1915, 851 ;--CL 1929, 516 ;--CL 1948, 24.33 ;--Am. 1958, Act 161, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.

24.34 State officers, delivery of books to successors; damages, penalty; exception.

Sec. 34. Every person or officer who shall receive any of the books distributed by the secretary of state, which are required by this act to be placed in his library, and each city, village, township and county officer, shall, when he ceases to hold such office, deliver over to his successor in office all such books received by him; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to deliver over to his successor in office all such books, received by him as aforesaid, shall be liable to such successor in an action for money had and received to the full amount it shall cost him to furnish himself with such books, and costs of suit; which action shall, on request, be brought and prosecuted by the prosecuting attorney of the county; and any person who shall knowingly and wilfully retain any such books in his possession, or refuse to pass them over to his successor, shall also be subject to a penalty in a sum not exceeding 50 dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding 3 months, or both, in the discretion of the court: Provided, however, That township and county officers receiving the abstract of reports of county superintendents of the poor, of sheriffs, or of the insane, deaf, dumb and blind, shall not be required to pass them over to their successors.

History: 1899, Act 44, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1899;--CL 1915, 852 ;--CL 1929, 517;--CL 1948, 24.34.

24.37 Michigan compiled laws; distribution; sale; price; "publication" or "published" defined.

Sec. 37. (1) A sufficient number of publications of the Michigan compiled laws shall be provided to the department of management and budget for distribution as follows:

(a) One publication copy to each member of the legislature.

(b) Forty publication copies to the secretary of the state senate for use as desk copies by the members of the senate.

(c) One hundred fourteen publication copies to the clerk of the state house of representatives for use as desk copies by the members of the house of representatives.

(2) Unless directed otherwise by the legislative service bureau, the department of management and budget may sell copies of the Michigan compiled laws at a price determined by the legislative service bureau.

(3) As used in this section, "publication" or "published" means the production and dissemination of information in print, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic form.

History: Add. 1958, Act 161, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;--Am. 1962, Act 85, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963 ;--Am. 1964, Act 66, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964;--Am. 1972, Act 369, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973;--Am. 1983, Act 97, Imd. Eff. June 23, 1983;--Am. 1995, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969

Act 306 of 1969

AN ACT to provide for the effect, processing, promulgation, publication, and inspection of state agency rules, determinations, and other matters; to provide for the printing, publishing, and distribution of certain publications; to provide for state agency administrative procedures and contested cases and appeals from contested cases in licensing and other matters; to create and establish certain committees and offices; to provide for declaratory judgments as to rules; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.

History: 1969, Act 306, Eff. July 1, 1970;--Am. 1982, Act 413, Eff. Jan. 1, 1984 ;--Am. 1993, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Mar. 18, 1993;--Am. 1999, Act 262, Eff. Apr. 1, 2000.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER 3 PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING AND PUBLISHING RULES

24.259 Copies of Michigan register, Michigan administrative code, and code supplements; distribution; official use.

Sec. 59. (1) The office of regulatory reform shall publish the Michigan register, the Michigan administrative code, and the annual supplement to the Michigan administrative code free of charge on the office of regulatory reform's internet website and may publish these documents in printed or other electronic format for public subscription at a fee, determined by the department of management and budget, that is reasonably calculated to cover, but not to exceed, the publication and distribution costs. Any money collected by the department of management and budget from subscriptions shall be deposited into the general fund.

(2) The official Michigan administrative code is that published or made available on the office of regulatory reform's internet website free of charge.

History: 1969, Act 306, Eff. July 1, 1970;--Am. 1982, Act 413, Eff. Jan. 1, 1984 ;--Am. 1986, Act 292, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1986;--Am. 1995, Act 178, Imd. Eff. Oct. 17, 1995;--Am. 1999, Act 262, Eff. Apr. 1, 2000 ;--Am. 2003, Act 53, Imd. Eff. July 14, 2003.

SUPREME COURT REPORTS

Act 385 of 1927

AN ACT to provide for the publication, reproduction, printing, binding, distribution and sale of the reports of decisions of the supreme court of Michigan and the advance sheets of such reports of decisions.

History: 1927, Act 385, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--Am. 1948, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 15, Imd. Eff. Apr. 28, 1948.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

26.8 Supreme court reporter, duties; size of volumes; original plates to be state property.

Sec. 8. The supreme court reporter shall, as soon as practicable, after the decisions of the supreme court are announced, furnish and deliver to the person or corporation having the contract with the state for publishing the same, copies of such decisions, with a syllabus and brief statement of the case, and a proper index and digest of such decisions to be published in and as part of such volumes. Each of said volumes shall contain not less than 700 pages, unless printed on thin paper as provided for in section 10 of this act, to be electrotyped, printed and bound in a good and substantial manner and form, of good material for law books, and printed in not larger type, set in the same manner, and of the same style and quality as volume 234 of the Michigan reports in the state library at Lansing, and to be approved and accepted by the justices of the supreme court, or a majority of them. The original electrotyped plates shall be at all times the property of this state, subject to the right of such contractor to use the same during the term of his contract or until the same shall be declared forfeited as herein provided.

History: 1927, Act 385, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 530 ;--CL 1948, 26.8.

26.12 Delivery of copies to state librarian by contractor.

Sec. 12. Such contractor shall, within 60 days after receiving the final manuscripts of any volume from the reporter, deliver to the state librarian at Lansing, free of cost for publication or delivery, 375 copies of the Michigan reports and 25 copies of the advance sheets of Michigan reports, in good order and according to contract, to be distributed by the state librarian as authorized in writing from time to time by the justices of the supreme court.

History: 1927, Act 385, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 534;--CL 1948, 26.12.

SALE OR EXCHANGE OF SUPREME COURT REPORTS

Act 174 of 1871

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a state reporter.

History: 1871, Act 174, Eff. Jan. 1, 1872.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

26.47 State librarian; authority to exchange or sell reports; bond; printing of new editions.

Sec. 7. The state librarian may exchange any of said reports for such other reports or law books as shall be approved by the chief justice of the supreme court, which reports or other books, procured by such exchange, shall be kept in the state library. After the publication of any volume under the provisions of this act the state librarian may sell the same at a price per volume not exceeding the actual cost to the state of publication thereof, to be determined by the board of state auditors, and 20 per cent added thereto. The state librarian shall give a bond in the penal sum of 5,000 dollars to the state, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties imposed by this act. He shall keep an account of all moneys received by him for said reports, and shall pay the same monthly to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the general fund. In case of sales to any 1 person at 1 time of 25 volumes or over, the 20 per cent aforesaid may be deducted from the selling price of such volumes. When the edition of any volume authorized to be sold by the state librarian, shall be exhausted a new edition of the same number of volumes shall be printed, bound, and sold, as provided in this act relative to the first edition.

History: 1871, Act 174, Eff. Jan. 1, 1872;--CL 1871, 5657 ;--Am. 1873, Act 137, Eff. July 31, 1873 ;--How. 7201;--CL 1897, 229;--CL 1915, 874;--CL 1929, 543 ;--CL 1948, 26.47.

Compiler's Note: This section was expressly excepted from the repeal of Ch. 21 of CL 1897 by Act 314 of 1915, being § 681.1.

FURNISHING CERTAIN COUNTIES WITH LAWS AND REPORTS

Act 190 of 1909

AN ACT in relation to the distribution of the Compiled Laws of 1897, and of the reports and decisions of the supreme court.

History: 1909, Act 190, Eff. Sept. 1, 1909.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

26.51 Compiled Laws of 1897, subsequent legislation, and all Michigan reports; distribution to county clerks by state librarian.

Sec. 1. In all counties in which circuit court is held in more than 1 place, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to furnish to the county clerk of such county, for the use of said circuit court, 1 complete set of the Compiled Laws of 1897, together with the index thereof and acts passed by the legislature subsequent to 1897, and the state librarian shall furnish 1 complete set of the Michigan supreme court reports: Provided, That if for any reason the state librarian shall be unable to furnish any of the volumes of said reports, the board of state auditors is hereby authorized, and it is its duty, to purchase such missing volumes to complete such set: Provided further, It shall be the duty of the state librarian to furnish from time to time to said county clerk, the current volumes of Michigan supreme court reports as they are issued.

History: 1909, Act 190, Eff. Sept. 1, 1909;--CL 1915, 875;--CL 1929, 544;--CL 1948, 26.51.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Act 220 of 1976

AN ACT to define the civil rights of persons with disabilities; to prohibit discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights; to prescribe penalties and to provide remedies; and to provide for the promulgation of rules.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1992, Act 123, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 1

37.1101 Short title.

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "persons with disabilities civil rights act".

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1102 Opportunity guaranteed; civil right; accommodation of person with disability; undue hardship.

Sec. 102. (1) The opportunity to obtain employment, housing, and other real estate and full and equal utilization of public accommodations, public services, and educational facilities without discrimination because of a disability is guaranteed by this act and is a civil right.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in article 2, a person shall accommodate a person with a disability for purposes of employment, public accommodation, public service, education, or housing unless the person demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1103 Definitions.

Sec. 103. As used in this act:

(a) "Alcoholic liquor" means that term as defined in section 105 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1105.

(b) "Commission" means the civil rights commission established by section 29 of article V of the state constitution of 1963.

(c) "Controlled substance" means that term as defined in section 7104 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7104.

(d) Except as provided under subdivision (f), "disability" means 1 or more of the following:

(i) A determinable physical or mental characteristic of an individual, which may result from disease, injury, congenital condition of birth, or functional disorder, if the characteristic:

(A) For purposes of article 2, substantially limits 1 or more of the major life activities of that individual and is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position or substantially limits 1 or more of the major life activities of that individual and is unrelated to the individual's qualifications for employment or promotion.

(B) For purposes of article 3, is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from a place of public accommodation or public service.

(C) For purposes of article 4, is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from educational opportunities, programs, and facilities at an educational institution.

(D) For purposes of article 5, substantially limits 1 or more of that individual's major life activities and is unrelated to the individual's ability to acquire, rent, or maintain property.

(ii) A history of a determinable physical or mental characteristic described in subparagraph (i).

(iii) Being regarded as having a determinable physical or mental characteristic described in subparagraph (i).

(e) “Drug” means that term as defined in section 7105 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7105.
(f) For purposes of article 2, disability does not include either of the following:
(i) A determinable physical or mental characteristic caused by the current illegal use of a controlled substance by that individual.
(ii) A determinable physical or mental characteristic caused by the use of an alcoholic liquor by that individual, if that physical or mental characteristic prevents that individual from performing the duties of his or her job.
(g) “Person” includes an individual, agent, association, corporation, joint apprenticeship committee, joint-stock company, labor union, legal representative, mutual company, partnership, receiver, trust, trustee in bankruptcy, unincorporated organization, this state, or any other legal, commercial, or governmental entity or agency.
(h) “Person with a disability” or “person with disabilities” means an individual who has 1 or more disabilities.
(i) “Political subdivision” means a county, city, village, township, school district, or special district or authority of this state.
(j) “State average weekly wage” means the state average weekly wage as determined by the Michigan employment security commission under section 27 of the Michigan employment security act, 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, MCL 421.27.
(k) “Temporary employee” means an employee hired for a position that will not exceed 90 days in duration.
(l) “Unrelated to the individual's ability” means, with or without accommodation, an individual's disability does not prevent the individual from doing 1 or more of the following:
(i) For purposes of article 2, performing the duties of a particular job or position.
(ii) For purposes of article 3, utilizing and benefiting from a place of public accommodation or public service.
(iii) For purposes of article 4, utilizing and benefiting from educational opportunities, programs, and facilities at an educational institution.
(iv) For purposes of article 5, acquiring, renting, or maintaining property.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990;--Am. 1992, Act 123, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998;--Am. 1999, Act 201, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000.
Compiler's Note: Enacting section 1 of Act 201 of 1999 provides: “Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent in the court of appeals decision in Doe v Department of Corrections, 236 Mich App 801 (1999). This legislation further expresses the original intent of the legislature that an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility is not within the purview of this act.”

ARTICLE 2

37.1201 Definitions.

Sec. 201. As used in this article:
(a) “Employee” does not include an individual employed in domestic service of any person.
(b) “Employer” means a person who has 1 or more employees or a person who as contractor or subcontractor is furnishing material or performing work for the state or a governmental entity or agency of the state and includes an agent of such a person.
(c) “Employment agency” means a person regularly undertaking with or without compensation to procure employees for an employer or to procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer and includes an agent of such a person.
(d) “Genetic information” means information about a gene, gene product, or inherited characteristic of an individual derived from the individual's family history or a genetic test.
(e) “Genetic test” means the analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, and those proteins and metabolites used to detect heritable or somatic disease-related genotypes or karyotypes for clinical purposes. A genetic test must be generally accepted in the scientific and medical communities as being specifically determinative for the presence, absence, or mutation of a gene or chromosome in order to qualify under this definition. Genetic test does not include a routine physical examination or a routine analysis including, but not limited to, a chemical analysis of body fluids unless conducted specifically to determine the presence, absence, or mutation of a gene or chromosome.
(f) “Labor organization” includes:

(i) An organization of any kind, an agency or employee representation committee, group, association, or plan in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment.
(ii) A conference, general committee, joint or system board, or joint council which is subordinate to a national or international labor organization.
(iii) An agent of a labor organization.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990;--Am. 2000, Act 32, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000.

37.1202 Employer; prohibited conduct; exceptions; access to genetic information.

Sec. 202. (1) Except as otherwise required by federal law, an employer shall not:
(a) Fail or refuse to hire, recruit, or promote an individual because of a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
(b) Discharge or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
(c) Limit, segregate, or classify an employee or applicant for employment in a way which deprives or tends to deprive an individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affects the status of an employee because of a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
(d) Fail or refuse to hire, recruit, or promote an individual on the basis of physical or mental examinations that are not directly related to the requirements of the specific job.
(e) Discharge or take other discriminatory action against an individual on the basis of physical or mental examinations that are not directly related to the requirements of the specific job.
(f) Fail or refuse to hire, recruit, or promote an individual when adaptive devices or aids may be utilized thereby enabling that individual to perform the specific requirements of the job.
(g) Discharge or take other discriminatory action against an individual when adaptive devices or aids may be utilized thereby enabling that individual to perform the specific requirements of the job.
(h) Require an individual to submit to a genetic test or to provide genetic information as a condition of employment or promotion.
(2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit an individual from voluntarily providing to an employer genetic information that is related to the employee's health or safety in the workplace. Subsection (1) does not prohibit an employer from using genetic information received from an employee under this subsection to protect the employee's health or safety.
(3) This section shall not apply to the employment of an individual by his or her parent, spouse, or child.
(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), no employer may directly or indirectly acquire or have access to any genetic information concerning an employee or applicant for employment, or a member of the employee's or applicant's family.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998;--Am. 2000, Act 32, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2000.

37.1203 Employment agency; prohibited conduct.

Sec. 203. An employment agency shall not fail or refuse to refer for employment, or otherwise discriminate against an individual because of a disability or classify or refer for employment an individual on the basis of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1204 Labor organization; prohibited conduct.

Sec. 204. A labor organization shall not:
(a) Exclude or expel from membership, or otherwise discriminate against a member or applicant for membership because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position which entitles the individual to membership.

(b) Limit, segregate, or classify membership, or applicants for membership, or classify or fail or refuse to refer for employment an individual in a way which would deprive or tend to deprive an individual of employment opportunities, or which would limit employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the status of an employee or of an applicant for employment, because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
(c) Cause or attempt to cause an employer to violate this article.
(d) Fail to fairly and adequately represent a member in a grievance process because of the member's disability.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1205 Apprenticeship, on the job, or other training or retraining programs; discrimination prohibited.

Sec. 205. An employer, labor organization, or joint labor management committee controlling apprenticeship, on the job, or other training or retraining programs shall not discriminate against an individual because of a disability in admission to, or employment or continuation in, a program established to provide apprenticeship or other training.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1206 Prohibited notices, advertisements, inquiries, applications, and records.

Sec. 206. (1) An employer, labor organization, or employment agency shall not print or publish or cause to be printed or published a notice or advertisement relating to employment by the employer or membership in or a classification or referral for employment by the labor organization, or relating to a classification or referral for employment by the employment agency, indicating a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination, based on a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
(2) Except as permitted by applicable federal law, an employer or employment agency shall not:
(a) Make or use a written or oral inquiry or form of application that elicits or attempts to elicit information concerning the disability of a prospective employee for reasons contrary to the provisions or purposes of this act.
(b) Make or keep a record of information or disclose information concerning the disability of a prospective employee for reasons contrary to the provisions or purposes of this act.
(c) Make or use a written or oral inquiry or form of application that expresses a preference, limitation, or specification based on the disability of a prospective employee for reasons contrary to the provisions or purposes of this act.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1207 Repealed. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to exemptions.

37.1208 Plan.

Sec. 208. A person subject to this article may adopt and carry out a plan to eliminate present effects of past discriminatory practices or assure equal opportunity with respect to individuals who have disabilities if the plan has been filed with the commission under rules of the commission and the commission has not disapproved the plan.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.
Admin Rule: R 37.27 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

37.1209 Contract to which state a party; covenant not to discriminate against employee or applicant for employment; breach.

Sec. 209. A contract to which this state, or a political subdivision, or an agency of this state or of a political subdivision of this state is a party shall contain a covenant by the contractor and any subcontractors not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. A breach of this covenant shall be regarded as a material breach of the contract.

History: Add. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1210 Burden of proof; cost of accommodation as undue hardship; reduction of limitations; restructuring job or altering schedule; applicability of subsections (2) to (16); violation; notices.

Sec. 210. (1) In an action brought pursuant to this article for a failure to accommodate, the person with a disability shall bear the burden of proof. If the person with a disability proves a prima facie case, the person shall bear the burden of producing evidence that an accommodation would impose an undue hardship on that person. If the person produces evidence that an accommodation would impose an undue hardship on that person, the person with a disability shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that an accommodation would not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (7), (13), and (17), if the person employs fewer than 4 employees and is required under this article to purchase any equipment or device to accommodate the person with a disability, the total purchase cost required to be paid by that person for that equipment or device is limited to an amount equal to the state average weekly wage. If the cost of an accommodation under this subsection exceeds the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation imposes an undue hardship on that person. If the cost of the accommodation does not exceed the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(3) Except as provided in subsections (7), (13), and (17), if the person employs 4 or more employees but fewer than 15 employees and is required under this article to purchase any equipment or device to accommodate the person with a disability, the total purchase cost required to be paid by that person is limited to an amount equal to 1.5 times the state average weekly wage. If the cost of an accommodation under this subsection exceeds the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation imposes an undue hardship on that person. If the cost of the accommodation does not exceed the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(4) Except as provided in subsections (6), (7), (13), and (17), if the person employs 15 or more employees but fewer than 25 employees and is required under this article to purchase any equipment or device to accommodate the person with a disability, the total purchase cost required to be paid by that person is limited to an amount equal to 2.5 times the state average weekly wage. If the cost of an accommodation under this subsection exceeds the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation imposes an undue hardship on that person. If the cost of the accommodation does not exceed the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(5) Except as provided in subsections (6), (7), (13), and (17), if the person employs 25 or more employees and the total purchase cost of any equipment or device required to accommodate an employee under this article is equal to or less than 2.5 times the state average weekly wage, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(6) Except as provided in subsections (7), (13), and (17), if the person employs 15 or more employees and the total purchase cost of any equipment or device required to accommodate an employee under this article is equal to or less than 2.5 times the state average weekly wage, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(7) Subsections (2) to (6) do not limit the cost of reasonable routine maintenance or repair of equipment or devices needed to accommodate a person with a disability under this article.

(8) Except as provided in subsections (13) and (17), if the person employs fewer than 4 employees and is required to hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters to accommodate the person with a disability in performing the duties of his or her job, the cost required to be paid by that person is limited to an amount equal to 7 times the state average weekly wage for the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, and 5 times the state average weekly wage for each year after the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job. If the cost of an accommodation under this subsection exceeds the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation imposes an undue hardship on that person. If the cost of the accommodation does not exceed the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.

(9) Except as provided in subsections (13) and (17), if the person employs 4 or more employees but fewer than 15 employees and is required to hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters to accommodate the person with a disability in performing the duties of his or her job, the cost required to be paid by that person is limited to an amount equal to 10 times the state average weekly wage for the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, and 7 times the state average weekly wage for each year after the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job. If the cost of an accommodation under this subsection exceeds the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation imposes an undue hardship on that person. If the cost of the accommodation does not exceed the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.
(10) Except as provided in subsections (12), (13), and (17), if the person employs 15 or more employees but fewer than 25 employees and is required to hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters to accommodate the person with a disability in performing the duties of his or her job, the cost required to be paid by that person is limited to an amount equal to 15 times the state average weekly wage for the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, and 10 times the state average weekly wage for each year after the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job. If the cost of an accommodation under this subsection exceeds the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation imposes an undue hardship on that person. If the cost of the accommodation does not exceed the limitation established for that accommodation, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.
(11) Except as provided in subsections (12), (13), and (17), if the person employs 25 or more employees and the cost required to hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters to accommodate the person with a disability in performing the duties of his or her job is less than or equal to 15 times the state average weekly wage for the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, and is less than or equal to 10 times the state average weekly wage for each year after the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.
(12) Except as provided in subsections (13) and (17), if the person employs 15 or more employees and the cost required to hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters to accommodate the person with a disability in performing the duties of his or her job is less than or equal to 15 times the state average weekly wage for the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, and is less than or equal to 10 times the state average weekly wage for each year after the first year the person with a disability is hired, promoted, or transferred to that job, the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on that person.
(13) If the person with a disability is a temporary employee, the limitations established for accommodations under subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) are reduced by 50%.
(14) A person who employs fewer than 15 employees is not required to restructure a job or alter the schedule of employees as an accommodation under this article.
(15) Job restructuring and altering the schedule of employees under this article applies only to minor or infrequent duties relating to the particular job held by the person with a disability.
(16) If a person can accommodate a person with a disability under this article only by purchasing equipment or devices and hiring or retaining 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters, the person shall, subject to subsections (2) to (13) and subsection (17), purchase the equipment or devices and hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters to accommodate that person with a disability. However, if the person can accommodate that person with a disability by purchasing equipment or devices or by hiring or retaining 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters, the person shall consult the person with a disability and, subject to subsections (2) to (13) and subsection (17), choose whether to purchase equipment or devices or hire or retain 1 or more individuals as readers or interpreters.
(17) Subsections (2) to (16) do not apply to either of the following:
(a) A public employer. As used in this subdivision, “public employer” means this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(b) An organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986.

(18) A person with a disability may allege a violation against a person regarding a failure to accommodate under this article only if the person with a disability notifies the person in writing of the need for accommodation within 182 days after the date the person with a disability knew or reasonably should have known that an accommodation was needed.

(19) A person shall post notices or use other appropriate means to provide all employees and job applicants with notice of the requirements of subsection (18).

History: Add. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1211 Powers of person under article.

Sec. 211. A person may, under this article, do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Establish employment policies, programs, procedures, or work rules regarding the use of alcoholic liquor or the illegal use of drugs.

(b) Apply different standards of compensation, or different terms, conditions, or privileges of employment pursuant to a bona fide seniority or merit system, transfer system, scheduling system, assignment system, or attendance plan if those standards of compensation or terms, conditions, or privileges of employment are not a subterfuge to evade the purposes of this article.

(c) Establish uniform policies requiring employees who have been absent from work because of illness or injury to submit evidence of the ability to return to work. This subdivision does not allow a person to establish a policy requiring only persons with disabilities to submit evidence of the ability to return to work.

(d) Either of the following:

(i) Prohibit an employee who is being compensated under the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to 418.941, for an injury arising out of and in the course of his or her employment with that person from returning to work in a restructured job.

(ii) Require an employee who is being compensated under the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to 418.941, for an injury arising out of and in the course of his or her employment with that person to return to work as provided by law, if the person accommodates the employee as required under this article.

History: Add. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1212 Education and training programs.

Sec. 212. The department of civil rights shall offer education and training programs to employers, labor organizations, and employment agencies to assist employers, labor organizations, and employment agencies in understanding the requirements of this article.

History: Add. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990.

37.1213 Article not in conflict with civil rights act.

Sec. 213. Nothing in this article shall be construed to conflict with the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act, Act No. 453 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 37.2101 to 37.2804 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: Add. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990.

37.1214 Accommodation not construed as preferential treatment or employee benefit.

Sec. 214. For purposes of this act, an accommodation required under this article shall not be construed to be preferential treatment or an employee benefit.

History: Add. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990.

ARTICLE 3

37.1301 Definitions.

Sec. 301. As used in this article:

(a) “Place of public accommodation” means a business, educational institution, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, health, or transportation facility of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public.

(b) “Public service” means a public facility, department, agency, board, or commission owned, operated, or managed by or on behalf of this state or a subdivision of this state, a county, city, village, township, or independent or regional district in this state or a tax exempt private agency established to provide service to the public, except that public service does not include a state or county correctional facility with respect to actions or decisions regarding an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1999, Act 201, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000 .

Compiler's Note: Enacting section 1 of Act 201 of 1999 provides: “Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent in the court of appeals decision in Doe v Department of Corrections, 236 Mich App 801 (1999). This legislation further expresses the original intent of the legislature that an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility is not within the purview of this act.”

37.1302 Prohibited conduct.

Sec. 302. Except where permitted by law, a person shall not:

(a) Deny an individual the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation or public service because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations or because of the use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids.

(b) Print, circulate, post, mail, or otherwise cause to be published a statement, advertisement, or sign which indicates that the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation or public service will be refused, withheld from, or denied an individual because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations or because of the use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids, or that an individual's patronage of or presence at a place of public accommodation is objectionable, unwelcome, unacceptable, or undesirable because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations or because of the use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1303 Exemptions.

Sec. 303. This article shall not apply to a private club, or other establishment not in fact open to the public, except to the extent that the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of the private club or establishment are made available to the customers or patrons of another establishment that is a place of public accommodation, or if it is licensed, chartered, or certified by the state or any of its political subdivisions.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

ARTICLE 4

37.1401 “Educational institution” defined.

Sec. 401. As used in this article, “educational institution” means a public or private institution or a separate school or department of a public or private institution, includes an academy, college, elementary or secondary school, extension course, kindergarten, nursery, school system, school district, or university, and a business, nursing, professional, secretarial, technical, or vocational school, and includes an agent of an educational institution.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981.

37.1402 Educational institution; prohibited conduct.

Sec. 402. An educational institution shall not do any of the following:

(a) Discriminate in any manner in the full utilization of or benefit from the institution, or the services provided and rendered by the institution to an individual because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the institution or its services, or because of the use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids.

(b) Exclude, expel, limit, or otherwise discriminate against an individual seeking admission as a student or an individual enrolled as a student in the terms, conditions, and privileges of the institution,

because of a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to utilize and benefit from the institution, or because of the use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids.
(c) Make or use a written or oral inquiry or form of application for admission that elicits or attempts to elicit information, or make or keep a record, concerning the disability of an applicant for admission for reasons contrary to the provisions or purposes of this act.
(d) Print or publish or cause to be printed or published a catalog or other notice or advertisement indicating a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination based on the disability of an applicant that is unrelated to the applicant's ability to utilize and benefit from the institution or its services, or the use of adaptive devices or aids by an applicant for admission to the educational institution.
(e) Announce or follow a policy of denial or limitation through a quota or otherwise of educational opportunities of a group or its members because of a disability that is unrelated to the group or member's ability to utilize and benefit from the institution or its services, or because of the use by the members of a group or an individual in the group of adaptive devices or aids.
(f) Develop a curriculum or utilize textbooks and training or learning materials which promote or foster physical or mental stereotypes.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1403 Educational institution; plan.

Sec. 403. An educational institution may adopt and carry out a plan to eliminate present effects of past discriminatory practices or assure equal opportunity with respect to persons with disabilities if the plan is filed with the commission, under rules of the commission and the commission has not disapproved the plan.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.
Admin Rule: R 37.27 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

ARTICLE 5

37.1501 Definitions.

Sec. 501. As used in this article:
(a) “Housing accommodation” includes improved or unimproved real property, or a part thereof, which is used or occupied, or is intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home or residence of 1 or more persons.
(b) “Immediate family” means a spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
(c) “Real estate broker or salesman” means a person, whether licensed or not, who, for or with the expectation of receiving a consideration, lists, sells, purchases, exchanges, rents, or leases real property, or who negotiates or attempts to negotiate any of these activities, or who holds himself out as engaged in these activities, or who negotiates or attempts to negotiate a loan secured or to be secured by a mortgage or other encumbrance upon real property, or who is engaged in the business of listing real property in a publication; or a person employed by or acting on behalf of any of these persons.
(d) “Real estate transaction” means the sale, exchange, rental, or lease of real property, or an interest therein.
(e) “Real property” includes a building, structure, mobile home, real estate, land, mobile home park, trailer park, tenement, leasehold, or an interest in a real estate cooperative or condominium.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.1502 Owners, persons engaging in real estate transactions, real estate brokers, and real estate salesmen; prohibited conduct.

Sec. 502. (1) An owner or any other person engaging in a real estate transaction, or a real estate broker or salesman shall not, on the basis of a disability of a buyer or renter, of a person residing in or intending to reside in a dwelling after it is sold, rented, or made available, or of any person associated with that buyer or renter, that is unrelated to the individual's ability to acquire, rent, or maintain property or use by an individual of adaptive devices or aids:
(a) Refuse to engage in a real estate transaction with a person.

(b) Discriminate against a person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection with a real estate transaction.
(c) Refuse to receive or fail to transmit a bona fide offer to engage in a real estate transaction from a person.
(d) Refuse to negotiate for a real estate transaction with a person.
(e) Represent to a person that real property is not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease when in fact it is available, fail to bring a property listing to a person's attention, refuse to permit a person to inspect real property, or otherwise deny or make real property unavailable to a person.
(f) Make, print, circulate, post, or mail or cause to be made or published a statement, advertisement, or sign, or use a form of application for a real estate transaction, or make a record of inquiry in connection with a prospective real estate transaction, which indicates, directly or indirectly, an intent to make a limitation, specification, or discrimination with respect to a real estate transaction.
(g) Offer, solicit, accept, use, or retain a listing of real property with the understanding that a person may be discriminated against in a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection with a real estate transaction.
(h) Discriminate against a person in the brokering or appraising of real property.

(2) A person shall not deny a person access to or membership or participation in a multiple listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting real property, or discriminate against a person in the terms or conditions of that access, membership, or participation.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 123, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1503 Certain rentals excepted from § 37.1502.

Sec. 503. Section 502 shall not apply to the rental of a housing accommodation in a building which contains housing accommodations for not more than 2 families living independently of each other, if the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family resides in 1 of the housing accommodations, or to the rental of a room or rooms in a single housing dwelling by a person if the lessor or a member of the lessor's immediate family resides therein.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.1505 Information as to applicant's credit worthiness.

Sec. 505. Nothing in this article shall be considered to prohibit an owner, lender, or his or her agent from requiring that an applicant who seeks to buy, rent, lease, or obtain financial assistance for housing accommodations supply information concerning the applicant's financial, business, or employment status or other information designed solely to determine the applicant's credit worthiness, but not concerning disabilities for reasons contrary to the provisions or purposes of this act.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1506 Prohibited representations.

Sec. 506. A person shall not represent, for the purpose of inducing a real estate transaction from which he or she may benefit financially or otherwise, that a change has occurred or will or may occur in the composition with respect to persons with disabilities of the owners or occupants in the block, neighborhood, or area in which the real property is located, or represent that this change will or may result in the lowering of property values, an increase in criminal or antisocial behavior, or a decline in the quality of schools in the block, neighborhood, or area in which the real property is located.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1506a Real estate transaction; prohibited conduct; “covered multifamily dwellings” defined.

Sec. 506a. (1) A person shall not do any of the following in connection with a real estate transaction:
(a) Refuse to permit, at the expense of the person with a disability, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied or to be occupied by the person with a disability if those modifications may be necessary to afford the person with a disability full enjoyment of the premises. In the case of a rental, the landlord may, if reasonable, make permission for a modification contingent on the

renter's agreement to restore the interior of the premises to the condition that existed before the modification, reasonable wear and tear excepted.
(b) Refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when the accommodations may be necessary to afford the person with a disability equal opportunity to use and enjoy residential real property.
(c) In connection with the design and construction of covered multifamily dwellings for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, fail to include all of the following features:
(i) The dwellings have at least 1 building entrance on an accessible route, unless that is impractical because of the terrain or unusual characteristics of the site.
(ii) The public and common use portions of the dwellings are readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.
(iii) All the doors designed to allow passage into and within all premises within the dwellings are sufficiently wide to allow passage by persons with disabilities in wheelchairs.
(iv) All premises within covered multifamily dwellings contain an accessible route into and through the dwelling; light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and other environmental controls in accessible locations; reinforcements in bathroom walls to allow later installation of grab bars; and kitchens and bathrooms designed so that an individual in a wheelchair can maneuver about the space.
(2) As used in this section, "covered multifamily dwellings" means buildings consisting of 4 or more units if the buildings have 1 or more elevators, and ground floor units in other buildings consisting of 4 or more units.
History: Add. 1992, Act 123, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1507 Person subject to article; plan.
Sec. 507. A person subject to this article may adopt and carry out a plan to eliminate present effects of past discriminatory practices or assure equal opportunity with respect to individuals who have disabilities, if the plan is filed with the commission under rules of the commission and the commission has not disapproved the plan.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.
Admin Rule: R 37.27 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

ARTICLE 6

37.1601 Administration of act; rules.
Sec. 601. This act shall be administered by the civil rights commission. The commission may promulgate rules to carry out this act pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981.

37.1602 Prohibited conduct.
Sec. 602. A person or 2 or more persons shall not do the following:
(a) Retaliate or discriminate against a person because the person has opposed a violation of this act, or because the person has made a charge, filed a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this act.
(b) Aid, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a person to engage in a violation of this act.
(c) Attempt directly or indirectly to commit an act prohibited by this act.
(d) Willfully interfere with the performance of a duty or the exercise of a power by the commission or any of its authorized representatives.
(e) Willfully obstruct or prevent a person from complying with this act or an order issued.
(f) Coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his or her having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected by article 5.
History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 123, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.1603 Adjustment order; violation of terms prohibited.
Sec. 603. A person shall not violate the terms of an adjustment order made under this act.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.1604 Other acts not invalidated.

Sec. 604. Nothing in this act shall be interpreted as invalidating any other act that establishes or provides programs or services for persons with disabilities.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1605 Complaints.

Sec. 605. A complaint alleging an act prohibited by this act shall be subject to the same procedures as a complaint alleging an unfair employment practice under Act No. 453 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being sections 37.2101 to 37.2804 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1976, Act 220, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981.

37.1606 Civil action; commencement; "damages" defined; compensation for lost wages; notice as condition to bringing civil action; applicability of subsection (5).

Sec. 606. (1) A person alleging a violation of this act may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief or damages, or both.

(2) An action commenced pursuant to subsection (1) may be brought in the circuit court for the county where the alleged violation occurred, or for the county where the person against whom the civil complaint is filed resides or has his or her principal place of business.

(3) As used in subsection (1), "damages" means damages for injury or loss caused by each violation of this act, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

(4) The amount of compensation awarded for lost wages under this act for an injury under article 2 shall be reduced by the amount of compensation received for lost wages under the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to 418.941, for that injury and by the present value of the future compensation for lost wages to be received under the worker's disability compensation act of 1969, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to 418.941, for that injury.

(5) A person with a disability may not bring a civil action under subsection (1) for a failure to accommodate under article 2 unless he or she has notified the person of the need for accommodation as required under section 210(18). This subsection does not apply if the person failed to comply with the requirements of section 210(19).

History: Add. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981;--Am. 1990, Act 121, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1990;--Am. 1998, Act 20, Imd. Eff. Mar. 12, 1998.

37.1607 Diminishment of rights prohibited.

Sec. 607. This act shall not diminish the right of a person to seek direct and immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of this state.

History: Add. 1980, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1981.

ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Act 453 of 1976

AN ACT to define civil rights; to prohibit discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights based upon religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status; to preserve the confidentiality of records regarding arrest, detention, or other disposition in which a conviction does not result; to prescribe the powers and duties of the civil rights commission and the department of civil rights; to provide remedies and penalties; to provide for fees; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1977, Act 162, Imd. Eff. Nov. 8, 1977;--Am. 1979, Act 91, Imd. Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;--Am. 1982, Act 45, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983 ;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;--Am. 1992, Act 258, Imd. Eff. Dec. 7, 1992.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 1

37.2101 Short title.

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Elliott-Larsen civil rights act”.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1977, Act 162, Imd. Eff. Nov. 8, 1977.

37.2102 Recognition and declaration of civil right; action arising out of discrimination based on sex or familial status.

Sec. 102. (1) The opportunity to obtain employment, housing and other real estate, and the full and equal utilization of public accommodations, public service, and educational facilities without discrimination because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status as prohibited by this act, is recognized and declared to be a civil right.

(2) This section shall not be construed to prevent an individual from bringing or continuing an action arising out of sex discrimination before July 18, 1980 which action is based on conduct similar to or identical to harassment.

(3) This section shall not be construed to prevent an individual from bringing or continuing an action arising out of discrimination based on familial status before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection which action is based on conduct similar to or identical to discrimination because of the age of persons residing with the individual bringing or continuing the action.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1979, Act 91, Imd. Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;--Am. 1980, Act 202, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1980;--Am. 1982, Act 45, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983 ;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2103 Definitions.

Sec. 103. As used in this act:

(a) “Age” means chronological age except as otherwise provided by law.

(b) “Commission” means the civil rights commission established by section 29 of article V of the state constitution of 1963.

(c) “Commissioner” means a member of the commission.

(d) “Department” means the department of civil rights or its employees.

(e) “Familial status” means 1 or more individuals under the age of 18 residing with a parent or other person having custody or in the process of securing legal custody of the individual or individuals or residing with the designee of the parent or other person having or securing custody, with the written permission of the parent or other person. For purposes of this definition, “parent” includes a person who is pregnant.

(f) “National origin” includes the national origin of an ancestor.

(g) “Person” means an individual, agent, association, corporation, joint apprenticeship committee, joint stock company, labor organization, legal representative, mutual company, partnership, receiver,

trust, trustee in bankruptcy, unincorporated organization, the state or a political subdivision of the state or an agency of the state, or any other legal or commercial entity.
(h) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, village, township, school district, or special district or authority of the state.
(i) Discrimination because of sex includes sexual harassment. Sexual harassment means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature under the following conditions:

(i) Submission to the conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing.

(ii) Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting the individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing.

(iii) The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's employment, public accommodations or public services, education, or housing, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive employment, public accommodations, public services, educational, or housing environment.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 202, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1980;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992;--Am. 1999, Act 202, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000 .

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ARTICLE 2

37.2201 Definitions.

Sec. 201. As used in this article:
(a) "Employer" means a person who has 1 or more employees, and includes an agent of that person.
(b) "Employment agency" means a person regularly undertaking with or without compensation to procure, refer, recruit, or place an employee for an employer or to procure, refer, recruit, or place for an employer or person the opportunity to work for an employer and includes an agent of that person.
(c) "Labor organization" includes:

(i) An organization of any kind, an agency or employee representation committee, group, association, or plan in which employees participate and which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours, or other terms or conditions of employment.

(ii) A conference, general committee, joint or system board, or joint council which is subordinate to a national or international labor organization.

(iii) An agent of a labor organization.

(d) "Sex" includes, but is not limited to, pregnancy, childbirth, or a medical condition related to pregnancy or childbirth that does not include nontherapeutic abortion not intended to save the life of the mother.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1978, Act 153, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1978;--Am. 1980, Act 202, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1980.

37.2202 Employer; prohibited practices; construction; nonapplicability.

Sec. 202. (1) An employer shall not do any of the following:

(a) Fail or refuse to hire or recruit, discharge, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to employment, compensation, or a term, condition, or privilege of employment, because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

(b) Limit, segregate, or classify an employee or applicant for employment in a way that deprives or tends to deprive the employee or applicant of an employment opportunity, or otherwise adversely affects the status of an employee or applicant because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

(c) Segregate, classify, or otherwise discriminate against a person on the basis of sex with respect to a term, condition, or privilege of employment, including, but not limited to, a benefit plan or system.

(d) Until January 1, 1994, require an employee of an institution of higher education who is serving under a contract of unlimited tenure, or similar arrangement providing for unlimited tenure, to retire from employment on the basis of the employee's age. As used in this subdivision, "institution of higher education" means a public or private university, college, community college, or junior college located in this state.

(2) This section shall not be construed to prohibit the establishment or implementation of a bona fide retirement policy or system that is not a subterfuge to evade the purposes of this section.

(3) This section does not apply to the employment of an individual by his or her parent, spouse, or child.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1978, Act 153, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1978;--Am. 1991, Act 11, Eff. May 1, 1991.

37.2202a Designation of racial or ethnic classifications in writing developed by employer; transmission of information to federal agency; "writing" defined.

Sec. 202a. (1) An employer shall do both of the following if that employer lists racial or ethnic classifications in a writing developed or printed 90 or more days after the effective date of this section, and if that employer requests that an individual select a classification to designate his or her race or ethnicity:

(a) Include in the writing the term "multiracial" as a classification, and a definition of that term that substantially provides that "multiracial" means having parents of different races.

(b) Exclude from the writing the term "other" as a classification.

(2) If a federal agency requires an employer to transmit information obtained from an individual pursuant to a writing described in subsection (1), but rejects the classification "multiracial", the employer shall redesignate the individuals identified as multiracial by allocating those individuals to racial or ethnic classifications approved by the federal agency in the same ratio that those classifications occur within the general population of the group from which the information was solicited.

(3) As used in this section, "writing" means that term as defined in section 2 of the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 15.232 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: Add. 1995, Act 88, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1995.

37.2203 Employment agency; prohibited practices generally.

Sec. 203. An employment agency shall not fail or refuse to procure, refer, recruit, or place for employment, or otherwise discriminate against, an individual because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status; or classify or refer for employment an individual on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2204 Labor organization; prohibited practices generally.

Sec. 204. A labor organization shall not:

(a) Exclude or expel from membership, or otherwise discriminate against, a member or applicant for membership because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

(b) Limit, segregate, or classify membership or applicants for membership, or classify or fail or refuse to refer for employment an individual in a way which would deprive or tend to deprive that individual of an employment opportunity, or which would limit an employment opportunity, or which would adversely affect wages, hours, or employment conditions, or otherwise adversely affect the status of an employee or an applicant for employment, because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

(c) Cause or attempt to cause an employer to violate this article.

(d) Fail to fairly and adequately represent a member in a grievance process because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2205 Employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee; training programs; prohibited practices.

Sec. 205. An employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling an apprenticeship, on the job, or other training or retraining program, shall not discriminate against an individual because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status, in admission to, or employment or continuation in, a program established to provide apprenticeship on the job, or other training or retraining.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2205a Employer, employment agency, or labor organization; record of information regarding misdemeanor arrest, detention, or disposition; failure to recite or acknowledge information; "law enforcement agency" defined.

Sec. 205a. (1) An employer, employment agency, or labor organization, other than a law enforcement agency of this state or a political subdivision of this state, shall not in connection with an application for employment or membership, or in connection with the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment or membership request, make, or maintain a record of information regarding a misdemeanor arrest, detention, or disposition where a conviction did not result. A person is not guilty of perjury or otherwise for giving a false statement by failing to recite or acknowledge information the person has a civil right to withhold by this section. This section does not apply to information relative to a felony charge before conviction or dismissal.

(2) As used in this section, "law enforcement agency" includes the state department of corrections.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1978, Act 610, Eff. Mar. 30, 1979;--Am. 1982, Act 45, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1999, Act 202, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000.

Compiler's Note: Enacting section 1 of Act 202 of 1999 provides: "Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent in the court of appeals decision Neal v Department of Corrections, 232 Mich App 730 (1998). This legislation further expresses the original intent of the legislature that an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility is not within the purview of this act. "

37.2205b Repealed. 1982, Act 45, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to announcing availability of polygraph examination.

37.2206 Employer, labor organization, or employment agency; prohibited practices.

Sec. 206. (1) An employer, labor organization, or employment agency shall not print, circulate, post, mail, or otherwise cause to be published a statement, advertisement, notice, or sign relating to employment by the employer, or relating to membership in or a classification or referral for employment by the labor organization, or relating to a classification or referral for employment by the employment agency, which indicates a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination, based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status.

(2) Except as permitted by rules promulgated by the commission or by applicable federal law, an employer or employment agency shall not:

(a) Make or use a written or oral inquiry or form of application that elicits or attempts to elicit information concerning the religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status of a prospective employee.

(b) Make or keep a record of information described in subdivision (a) or to disclose that information.

(c) Make or use a written or oral inquiry or form of application that expresses a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination based on religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status of a prospective employee.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

Admin Rule: R 37.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

37.2207 Individual seeking employment; prohibited practices.

Sec. 207. An individual seeking employment shall not publish or cause to be published a notice or advertisement that specifies or indicates the individual's religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status, or expresses a preference, specification, limitation, or discrimination

as to the religion, race, color, national origin, age, height, weight, sex, or marital status of a prospective employer.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2208 Application for exemption; bona fide occupational qualification.

Sec. 208. A person subject to this article may apply to the commission for an exemption on the basis that religion, national origin, age, height, weight, or sex is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the business or enterprise. Upon sufficient showing, the commission may grant an exemption to the appropriate section of this article. An employer may have a bona fide occupational qualification on the basis of religion, national origin, sex, age, or marital status, height and weight without obtaining prior exemption from the commission, provided that an employer who does not obtain an exemption shall have the burden of establishing that the qualification is reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the business.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2209 Covenants.

Sec. 209. A contract to which the state, a political subdivision, or an agency thereof is a party shall contain a covenant by the contractor and his subcontractors not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, or marital status. Breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of the contract.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2210 Plan.

Sec. 210. A person subject to this article may adopt and carry out a plan to eliminate present effects of past discriminatory practices or assure equal opportunity with respect to religion, race, color, national origin, or sex if the plan is filed with the commission under rules of the commission and the commission approves the plan.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.
Admin Rule: R 37.27 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

37.2211 Different standards of compensation; different terms, conditions, or privileges of employment.

Sec. 211. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, it shall not be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to apply different standards of compensation, or different terms, conditions or privileges of employment pursuant to a bona fide seniority or merit system.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

ARTICLE 3

37.2301 Definitions.

Sec. 301. As used in this article:

(a) "Place of public accommodation" means a business, or an educational, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, health, or transportation facility, or institution of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public. Place of public accommodation also includes the facilities of the following private clubs:

(i) A country club or golf club.

(ii) A boating or yachting club.

(iii) A sports or athletic club.

(iv) A dining club, except a dining club that in good faith limits its membership to the members of a particular religion for the purpose of furthering the teachings or principles of that religion and not for the purpose of excluding individuals of a particular gender, race, or color.

(b) "Public service" means a public facility, department, agency, board, or commission, owned, operated, or managed by or on behalf of the state, a political subdivision, or an agency thereof or a tax exempt private agency established to provide service to the public, except that public service does not

include a state or county correctional facility with respect to actions and decisions regarding an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 70, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1992;--Am. 1999, Act 202, Eff. Mar. 10, 2000 .

Compiler's Note: Enacting section 1 of Act 202 of 1999 provides: "Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is curative and intended to correct any misinterpretation of legislative intent in the court of appeals decision Neal v Department of Corrections, 232 Mich App 730 (1998). This legislation further expresses the original intent of the legislature that an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility is not within the purview of this act. "

37.2302 Public accommodations or services; prohibited practices.

Sec. 302. Except where permitted by law, a person shall not:

(a) Deny an individual the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation or public service because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, or marital status.

(b) Print, circulate, post, mail, or otherwise cause to be published a statement, advertisement, notice, or sign which indicates that the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation or public service will be refused, withheld from, or denied an individual because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, or marital status, or that an individual's patronage of or presence at a place of public accommodation is objectionable, unwelcome, unacceptable, or undesirable because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, or marital status.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

Constitutionality: The goal of the Civil Rights Act was to broaden the scope of equal protection rather than the standard of equal protection developed by the courts in the course of interpreting the equal protection provisions of United States and Michigan Constitutions. Civil Rights Department v. Waterford, 425 Mich. 173, 387 N.W.2d 821 (1986).

37.2302a Applicability to private club.

Sec. 302a. (1) This section applies to a private club that is defined as a place of public accommodation pursuant to section 301(a).

(2) If a private club allows use of its facilities by 1 or more adults per membership, the use must be equally available to all adults entitled to use the facilities under the membership. All classes of membership shall be available without regard to race, color, gender, religion, marital status, or national origin. Memberships that permit use during restricted times may be allowed only if the restricted times apply to all adults using that membership.

(3) A private club that has food or beverage facilities or services shall allow equal access to those facilities and services for all adults in all membership categories at all times. This subsection shall not require service or access to facilities to persons that would violate any law or ordinance regarding sale, consumption, or regulation of alcoholic beverages.

(4) This section does not prohibit a private club from sponsoring or permitting sports schools or leagues for children less than 18 years of age that are limited by age or to members of 1 sex, if comparable and equally convenient access to the club's facilities is made available to both sexes and if these activities are not used as a subterfuge to evade the purposes of this article.

History: Add. 1992, Act 70, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1992.

37.2303 Exemptions.

Sec. 303. This article shall not apply to a private club, or other establishment not in fact open to the public, except to the extent that the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of the private club or establishment are made available to the customers or patrons of another establishment that is a place of public accommodation or is licensed by the state under Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, being sections 436.1 through 436.58 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. This section shall not apply to a private club that is otherwise defined as a place of public accommodation in this article.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 70, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1992.

37.2304 Violation.

Sec. 304. Within 30 days after a determination by the commission that a place of public accommodation that holds a license issued by the liquor control commission under the Michigan liquor control act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, being sections 436.1 to

436.58 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, has violated this article, the commission shall certify that determination to and shall file a complaint alleging a violation of Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933 with the liquor control commission.
History: Add. 1992, Act 70, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1992.

ARTICLE 4

37.2401 Definition.

Sec. 401. As used in this article, "educational institution" means a public or private institution, or a separate school or department thereof, and includes an academy, college, elementary or secondary school, extension course, kindergarten, nursery, local school system, university, or a business, nursing, professional, secretarial, technical, or vocational school; and includes an agent of an educational institution.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2402 Educational institution; prohibited practices.

Sec. 402. An educational institution shall not do any of the following:
(a) Discriminate against an individual in the full utilization of or benefit from the institution, or the services, activities, or programs provided by the institution because of religion, race, color, national origin, or sex.
(b) Exclude, expel, limit, or otherwise discriminate against an individual seeking admission as a student or an individual enrolled as a student in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the institution, because of religion, race, color, national origin, or sex.
(c) For purposes of admission only, make or use a written or oral inquiry or form of application that elicits or attempts to elicit information concerning the religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, or marital status of a person, except as permitted by rule of the commission or as required by federal law, rule, or regulation, or pursuant to an affirmative action program.
(d) Print or publish or cause to be printed or published a catalog, notice, or advertisement indicating a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination based on the religion, race, color, national origin, or sex of an applicant for admission to the educational institution.
(e) Announce or follow a policy of denial or limitation through a quota or otherwise of educational opportunities of a group or its members because of religion, race, color, national origin, or sex.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1982, Act 512, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983 ;--Am. 1993, Act 216, Imd. Eff. Oct. 29, 1993.
Admin Rule: R 37.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

37.2402a Designation of racial or ethnic classification in writing developed by educational institution; transmission of information to federal agency; "writing" defined.

Sec. 402a. (1) An educational institution shall do both of the following if that educational institution lists racial or ethnic classifications in a writing developed or printed 90 or more days after the effective date of this section, and if that educational institution requests that an individual select 1 of those classifications to designate his or her race or ethnicity:

(a) Include in the writing the term "multiracial" as a classification, and a definition of that term that substantially provides that "multiracial" means having parents of different races.

b) Exclude from the writing the term "other" as a classification.

(2) If a federal agency requires an educational institution to transmit information obtained from an individual pursuant to a writing described in subsection (1), but rejects the classification "multiracial", the educational institution shall redesignate the individuals identified as multiracial by allocating those individuals to racial or ethnic classifications approved by the federal agency in the same ratio that those classifications occur within the general population of the group from which the information was solicited.
(3) As used in this section, "writing" means that term as defined in section 2 of the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 15.232 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: Add. 1995, Act 88, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1995.

37.2403 Religious educational institution; exemption.

Sec. 403. The provisions of section 402 related to religion shall not apply to a religious educational institution or an educational institution operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization which limits admission or gives preference to an applicant of the same religion.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2404 Private educational institution; exemption.

Sec. 404. The provisions of section 402 relating to sex shall not apply to a private educational institution not exempt under section 403, which now or hereafter provides an education to persons of 1 sex.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

ARTICLE 5

37.2501 Definitions.

Sec. 501. As used in this article:

(a) "Real property" includes a building, structure, mobile home, real estate, land, mobile home park, trailer park, tenement, leasehold, or an interest in a real estate cooperative or condominium.

(b) "Real estate transaction" means the sale, exchange, rental, or lease of real property, or an interest therein.

(c) "Housing accommodation" includes improved or unimproved real property, or a part thereof, which is used or occupied, or is intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied, as the home or residence of 1 or more persons.

(d) "Real estate broker or salesman" means a person, whether licensed or not, who, for or with the expectation of receiving a consideration, lists, sells, purchases, exchanges, rents, or leases real property; who negotiates or attempts to negotiate any of those activities; who holds himself out as engaged in those activities; who negotiates or attempts to negotiate a loan secured or to be secured by a mortgage or other encumbrance upon real property; who is engaged in the business of listing real property in a publication; or a person employed by or acting on behalf of a real estate broker or salesman.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2502 Persons engaging in real estate transactions, real estate brokers, or real estate salesmen; prohibited practices; section subject to § 37.2503.

Sec. 502. (1) A person engaging in a real estate transaction, or a real estate broker or salesman, shall not on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status of a person or a person residing with that person:

(a) Refuse to engage in a real estate transaction with a person.

(b) Discriminate against a person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection with a real estate transaction.

(c) Refuse to receive from a person or transmit to a person a bona fide offer to engage in a real estate transaction.

(d) Refuse to negotiate for a real estate transaction with a person.

(e) Represent to a person that real property is not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease when in fact it is so available, or knowingly fail to bring a property listing to a person's attention, or refuse to permit a person to inspect real property, or otherwise make unavailable or deny real property to a person.

(f) Make, print, circulate, post, mail, or otherwise cause to be made or published a statement, advertisement, notice, or sign, or use a form of application for a real estate transaction, or make a record of inquiry in connection with a prospective real estate transaction, which indicates, directly or indirectly, an intent to make a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination with respect to the real estate transaction.

(g) Offer, solicit, accept, use, or retain a listing of real property with the understanding that a person may be discriminated against in a real estate transaction or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith.

(h) Discriminate against a person in the brokering or appraising of real property.

(2) A person shall not deny a person access to, or membership or participation in, a multiple listing service, real estate brokers' organization or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting real property or to discriminate against him or her in the terms or conditions of that access, membership, or participation because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status.
(3) This section is subject to section 503.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2503 Nonapplicability of § 37.2502; "immediate family" defined; information relative to marital status.

Sec. 503. (1) Section 502 does not apply to any of the following:
(a) The rental of a housing accommodation in a building that contains housing accommodations for not more than 2 families living independently of each other if the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family resides in 1 of the housing accommodations, or to the rental of a room or rooms in a single family dwelling by a person if the lessor or a member of the lessor's immediate family resides in the dwelling.
(b) The rental of a housing accommodation for not more than 12 months by the owner or lessor if it was occupied by him or her and maintained as his or her home for at least 3 months immediately preceding occupancy by the tenant and is maintained as the owner's or lessor's legal residence.
(c) With respect to the age provision and the familial status provision only, the sale, rental, or lease of housing accommodations meeting the requirements of federal, state, or local housing programs for senior citizens, or accommodations otherwise intended, advertised, designed or operated, bona fide, for the purpose of providing housing accommodations for persons 50 years of age or older.
(2) As used in subsection (1), "immediate family" means a spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
(3) Information relative to the marital status of an individual may be obtained when necessary for the preparation of a deed or other instrument of conveyance.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2504 Application for financial assistance or financing; prohibited practices; nonapplicability of § 37.2504(1)(b).

Sec. 504. (1) A person to whom application is made for financial assistance or financing in connection with a real estate transaction or in connection with the construction, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, or improvement of real property, or a representative of that person, shall not:
(a) Discriminate against the applicant because of the religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status of the applicant or a person residing with the applicant.
(b) Use a form of application for financial assistance or financing or make or keep a record or inquiry in connection with an application for financial assistance or financing which indicates, directly or indirectly, a preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination as to the religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status of the applicant or a person residing with the applicant.
(2) A person whose business includes engaging in real estate transactions shall not discriminate against a person because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status, in the purchasing of loans for acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, or maintaining a dwelling or the making or purchasing of loans or the provision of other financial assistance secured by residential real estate.
(3) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to a form of application for financial assistance prescribed for the use of a lender regulated as a mortgagee under the national housing act, chapter 847, 48 Stat. 1246, or by a regulatory board or officer acting under the statutory authority of this state or the United States.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2505 Condition, restriction, or prohibition limiting use or occupancy of real property; exceptions; inserting or honoring void provision.

Sec. 505. (1) A condition, restriction, or prohibition, including a right of entry or possibility of reverter, that directly or indirectly limits the use or occupancy of real property on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status is void, except a limitation of use as provided in section 503(1)(c) or on the basis of religion relating to real property held by a religious

institution or organization, or by a religious or charitable organization operated, supervised, or controlled by a religious institution or organization, and used for religious or charitable purposes.
(2) A person shall not insert in a written instrument relating to real property a provision that is void under this section or honor such a provision in the chain of title.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 170, Imd. Eff. June 18, 1980;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2506 Real estate transactions; prohibited representations.
Sec. 506. A person shall not represent, for the purpose of inducing a real estate transaction from which the person may benefit financially, that a change has occurred or will or may occur in the composition with respect to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status of the owners or occupants in the block, neighborhood, or area in which the real property is located, or represent that this change will or may result in the lowering of property values, an increase in criminal or antisocial behavior, or a decline in the quality of schools in the block, neighborhood, or area in which the real property is located.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2506a Use by landlord of reasonable accommodations.
Sec. 506a. This article does not preclude the use by a landlord of reasonable accommodations as required by section 102(2) of the Michigan handicappers' civil rights act, Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 37.1102 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: Add. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2507 Plan.
Sec. 507. A person subject to this article may adopt and carry out a plan to eliminate present effects of past discriminatory practices or assure equal opportunity with respect to religion, race, color, national origin, or sex if the plan is filed with the commission under rules of the commission and the commission approves the plan.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.
Admin Rule: R 37.27 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

ARTICLE 6

37.2601 Commission; powers and duties generally; quorum; vacancy; compensation and expenses; conducting business at public meeting; notice; availability of certain writings to public.
Sec. 601. (1) The commission shall:
(a) Maintain a principal office in the city of Lansing and other offices within the state as it considers necessary.
(b) Meet and exercise its powers at any place within the state.
(c) Appoint an executive director who shall be the chief executive officer of the department and exempt from civil service, and appoint necessary hearing examiners.
(d) Accept public grants, private gifts, bequests, or other amounts or payments.
(e) Prepare annually a comprehensive written report to the governor. The report may contain recommendations adopted by the commission for legislative or other action necessary to effectuate the purposes and policies of this act.
(f) Promulgate, amend, or repeal rules to carry out this act pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(g) Request the services of a department or agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state.
(h) Promote and cooperate with a public or governmental agency as in the commission's judgment will aid in effectuating the act and the state constitution of 1963.
(i) Establish and promulgate rules governing its relationship with local commissions, and establish criteria for certifying local commissions for the deferring of complaints.
(2) The commission may hold hearings, administer oaths, issue preliminary notices to witnesses to appear, compel through court authorization the attendance of witnesses and the production for examination of books, papers, or other records relating to matters before the commission, take the

testimony of a person under oath, and issue appropriate orders. The commission may promulgate rules as to the issuance of preliminary notices to appear.
(3) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. A majority of the members is required to take action on matters not of a ministerial nature, but a majority of a quorum may deal with ministerial matters. A vacancy in the commission shall not impair the right of the remaining members to exercise the powers of the commission. The members of the commission shall receive a per diem compensation and shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The per diem compensation of the commission and the schedule for reimbursement of the expenses shall be established annually by the legislature.
(4) The business which the commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.
(5) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1978, Act 446, Imd. Eff. Oct. 11, 1978.
Admin Rule: R 37.1 et seq. and R 37.101 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

37.2602 Department; powers and duties generally.

Sec. 602. The department shall:
(a) Be responsible to the executive director, who shall be the principal executive officer of the department and shall be responsible for executing the policies of the commission.
(b) Appoint necessary employees and agents and fix their compensation in accordance with civil service rules. The attorney general shall appear for and represent the department or the commission in a court having jurisdiction of a matter under this act.
(c) Receive, initiate, investigate, conciliate, adjust, dispose of, issue charges, and hold hearings on complaints alleging a violation of this act, and approve or disapprove plans to correct past discriminatory practices which have caused or resulted in a denial of equal opportunity with respect to groups or persons protected by this act.
(d) Require answers to interrogatories, order the submission of books, papers, records, and other materials pertinent to a complaint, and require the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and compel, through court authorization, compliance with its orders or an order of the commission.
(e) Cooperate or contract with persons and state, local, and other agencies, both public and private, including agencies of the federal government and of other states.
(f) Monitor the awarding and execution of contracts to ensure compliance by a contractor or a subcontractor with a covenant entered into or to be entered into pursuant to section 209.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 258, Imd. Eff. Dec. 7, 1992.

37.2602a Repealed. 1992, Act 258, Eff. Dec. 8, 1994.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to business conducted with the state or an agency, requests for review of equal employment opportunity practices, and creation of civil rights contract monitoring fund.

37.2603 Complaint; petition for temporary relief or restraining order; notice of pendency of action.

Sec. 603. At any time after a complaint is filed, the department may file a petition in the circuit court for the county in which the subject of the complaint occurs, or for the county in which a respondent resides or transacts business, seeking appropriate temporary relief against the respondent, pending final determination of proceedings under this section, including an order or decree restraining the respondent from doing or procuring an act tending to render ineffectual an order the commission may enter with respect to the complaint. If the complaint alleges a violation of article 5, upon the filing of the petition the department shall file for the record a notice of pendency of the action. The court may grant temporary relief or a restraining order as it deems just and proper, but the relief or order shall not extend beyond 5 days except by consent of the respondent, or after hearing upon notice to the respondent and a finding by the court that there is reasonable cause to believe that the respondent has engaged in a discriminatory practice.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2604 Findings of fact and conclusions of law; final order dismissing complaint; copies of order.

Sec. 604. If the commission, after a hearing on a charge issued by the department, determines that the respondent has not engaged in a discriminatory practice prohibited by this act, the commission shall state its findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall issue a final order dismissing the complaint. The commission shall furnish a copy of the order to the claimant, the respondent, the attorney general, and other public officers and persons as the commission deems proper.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2605 Findings of fact and conclusions of law; cease and desist order; amendment of pleadings; findings and order based thereon; copies of order; scope of action ordered; certification of violation to licensing or contracting agency.

Sec. 605. (1) If the commission, after a hearing on a charge issued by the department, determines that the respondent has violated this act or the handicappers' civil rights act, Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 37.1101 to 37.1607 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the commission shall state its findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall issue a final order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from the discriminatory practice and to take such other action as it deems necessary to secure equal enjoyment and protection of civil rights. If at a hearing on a charge, a pattern or practice of discrimination prohibited by this act or Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1976 appears in the evidence, the commission may, upon its own motion or on motion of the claimant, amend the pleadings to conform to the proofs, make findings, and issue an order based on those findings. A copy of the order shall be delivered to the respondent, the claimant, the attorney general, and to other public officers and persons as the commission deems proper.

(2) Action ordered under this section may include, but is not limited to:

(a) Hiring, reinstatement, or upgrading of employees with or without back pay.

(b) Admission or restoration of individuals to labor organization membership, admission to or participation in a guidance program, apprenticeship training program, on the job training program, or other occupational training or retraining program, with the utilization of objective criteria in the admission of persons to those programs.

(c) Admission of persons to a public accommodation or an educational institution.

(d) Sale, exchange, lease, rental, assignment, or sublease of real property to a person.

(e) Extension to all persons of the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of the respondent.

(f) Reporting as to the manner of compliance.

(g) Requiring the posting of notices in a conspicuous place which the commission may publish or cause to be published setting forth requirements for compliance with civil rights law or other relevant information which the commission determines necessary to explain those laws.

(h) Payment to an injured party of profits obtained by the respondent through a violation of section 506 of this act or of Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(i) Payment to the complainant of damages for an injury or loss caused by a violation of this act, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

(j) Payment to the complainant of all or a portion of the costs of maintaining the action before the commission, including reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees, if the commission determines that award to be appropriate.

(k) Payment of a civil fine for a violation of article 5 of this act, an amount directly related to the cost to the state for enforcing this statute not to exceed:

(i) $10,000.00 for the first violation.

(ii) $25,000.00 for the second violation within a 5-year period.

(iii) $50,000.00 for 2 or more violations within a 7-year period.

(l) Other relief the commission deems appropriate.

(3) In the case of a respondent operating by virtue of a license issued by the state, a political subdivision, or an agency of the state or political subdivision, if the commission, upon notice and hearing, determines that the respondent has violated this act and that the violation was authorized, requested, commanded, performed, or knowingly permitted by the board of directors of the respondent or by an officer or executive agent acting within the scope of his or her employment, the commission shall so certify to the licensing agency. Unless the commission's finding is reversed in

the course of judicial review, the finding of the commission may be grounds for revocation of the respondent's license.
(4) In the case of a respondent who violates this act in the course of performing under a contract or subcontract with the state, a political subdivision, or an agency of the state or political subdivision, where the violation was authorized, requested, commanded, performed, or knowingly permitted by the board of directors of the respondent or by an officer or executive agent acting within the scope of his or her employment, the commission shall so certify to the contracting agency. Unless the commission's finding is reversed in the course of judicial review, the finding is binding on the contracting agency.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.

37.2606 Appeals.

Sec. 606. (1) A complainant and a respondent shall have a right of appeal from a final order of the commission, including cease and desist orders and refusals to issue charges, before the circuit court for the county of Ingham, or the circuit court for the county in which the alleged violation occurred or where the person against whom the complaint is filed, resides, or has his or her principal place of business. An appeal before the circuit court shall be reviewed de novo. If an appeal is not taken within 30 days after the service of an appealable order of the commission, the commission may obtain a decree for the enforcement of the order from the circuit court which has jurisdiction of the appeal. If the appellant files for appeal in the circuit court for the county of Ingham, the appellee, upon application, shall be granted a change of venue to hear the matter on appeal in the circuit court for the county in which the alleged violation occurred or where the person against whom the complaint is filed, resides, or has his or her principal place of business or where the claimant resides.
(2) A proceeding for review or enforcement of an appealable order is initiated by filing a petition in the circuit court. Copies of the petition shall be served upon the parties of record. Within 30 days after the service of the petition upon the commission or filing of the petition by the commission, or within further time as the court may allow, the commission shall transmit to the court the original or a certified copy of the entire record upon which the order is based, including a transcript of the testimony, which need not be printed. By stipulation of the parties to the review proceeding, the record may be shortened. The court may grant temporary relief as it considers just, or enter an order enforcing, modifying and enforcing as modified, or setting aside in whole or in part the order of the commission, or may remand the case to the commission for further proceedings. The commission's copy of the testimony shall be available at reasonable times to all parties for examination without cost.
(3) The final judgment or decree of the circuit court shall be subject to review by appeal in the same manner and form as other appeals from that court.
(4) A proceeding under this section shall be initiated not more than 30 days after a copy of the order of the commission is received, unless the commission is the petitioner or the petition is filed under subsection (3). If a proceeding is not so initiated, the commission may obtain a court order for enforcement of its order upon showing that a copy of the petition for enforcement was served on the respondent, that the respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the court, that the order sought to be enforced is an order of the commission, regularly entered, and that the commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the respondent.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 93, Imd. Eff. Apr. 16, 1980.

ARTICLE 7

37.2701 Prohibited conduct.

Sec. 701. Two or more persons shall not conspire to, or a person shall not:
(a) Retaliate or discriminate against a person because the person has opposed a violation of this act, or because the person has made a charge, filed a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this act.
(b) Aid, abet, incite, compel, or coerce a person to engage in a violation of this act.
(c) Attempt directly or indirectly to commit an act prohibited by this act.
(d) Willfully interfere with the performance of a duty or the exercise of a power by the commission or 1 of its members or authorized representatives.

(e) Willfully obstruct or prevent a person from complying with this act or an order issued or rule promulgated under this act.
(f) Coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with a person in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his or her having aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of, any right granted or protected by this act.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977;--Am. 1992, Act 124, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1992.
Admin Rule: R 37.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

37.2702 Violation of order prohibited.
Sec. 702. A person shall not violate the terms of an order or an adjustment order made under this act.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2703 Revocation or suspension of license.
Sec. 703. If a certification is made pursuant to section 605(3), the licensing agency may take appropriate action to revoke or suspend the license of the respondent.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2704 Termination of contract.
Sec. 704. Upon receiving a certification made under section 605(4), a contracting agency shall take appropriate action to terminate a contract or portion thereof previously entered into with the respondent, either absolutely or on condition that the respondent carry out a program of compliance with this act, and shall advise the state and all political subdivisions and agencies thereof to refrain from entering into further contracts or extensions or other modifications of existing contracts with the respondent until the commission is satisfied that the respondent carries out policies in compliance with this act.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2705 Construction of act.
Sec. 705. (1) This act shall not be construed as preventing the commission from securing civil rights guaranteed by law other than the civil rights set forth in this act.
(2) This act shall not be interpreted as restricting the implementation of approved plans, programs, or services to eliminate discrimination and the effects thereof when appropriate.
(3) This act shall not be interpreted as invalidating any other act that provides programs or services for persons covered by this act.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

ARTICLE 8

37.2801 Action for injunctive relief or damages; venue; “damages” defined.
Sec. 801. (1) A person alleging a violation of this act may bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief or damages, or both.
(2) An action commenced pursuant to subsection (1) may be brought in the circuit court for the county where the alleged violation occurred, or for the county where the person against whom the civil complaint is filed resides or has his principal place of business.
(3) As used in subsection (1), “damages” means damages for injury or loss caused by each violation of this act, including reasonable attorney's fees.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2802 Costs of litigation.
Sec. 802. A court, in rendering a judgment in an action brought pursuant to this article, may award all or a portion of the costs of litigation, including reasonable attorney fees and witness fees, to the complainant in the action if the court determines that the award is appropriate.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2803 Legal or equitable remedies.
Sec. 803. This act shall not be construed to diminish the right of a person to direct or immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of the state.
History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

37.2804 Repeal of §§ 423.301 to 423.311, 37.1 to 37.9, and 564.101 to 564.704.

Sec. 804. Act No. 251 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, being sections 423.301 to 423.311 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, Act No. 45 of the Public Acts of the Second Extra Session of 1963, as amended, being sections 37.1 to 37.9 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, and Act No. 112 of the Public Acts of 1968, as amended, being sections 564.101 to 564.704 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, are repealed.

History: 1976, Act 453, Eff. Mar. 31, 1977.

CITY LIBRARY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Act 339 of 1927

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of a system of retiring allowances for employees of public libraries now existing or which may hereafter be established in incorporated cities of 250,000 population or more.
History: 1927, Act 339, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1927.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

38.701 City library employees' retirement system; establishment.
Sec. 1. The legislative body of any incorporated city of 250,000 or more (hereinafter referred to for the purposes of this act as the local legislative body), where free public libraries have been or may hereafter be established is hereby authorized, upon the application and recommendation of the local library board or commission or body duly authorized by law to maintain free public libraries in such city (hereinafter referred to for the purposes of this act as the library board), to establish a system of retiring allowances for the employees of such libraries which system shall be based upon the principle that there shall be accumulated, year by year, a reserve fund sufficient to provide the agreed annuity at the time of retirement. Upon the establishment of such system, the local legislative body shall raise by taxation each year a sum which will provide an adequate reserve fund.
History: 1927, Act 339, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1927;--CL 1929, 8109 ;--CL 1948, 38.701.

38.702 Library board; submission of retirement plan to local legislative body.
Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of said library board when it desires to establish a system of retiring allowances, to apply to the local legislative body and to submit to said local legislative body for its approval and adoption a detailed plan for such system which shall be based upon the following provisions and conditions:
(a) It shall enumerate the classes of employees to be included in said system;
(b) It shall fix the amount of the annual retiring allowance, the number of years of service necessary to entitle an employee to a retiring allowance, the age at which an employee may be retired, the nature and extent of the physical or mental disability which shall entitle an employee to retire before reaching the age of retirement and the conditions upon which the age of retirement may be anticipated;
(c) It shall provide for a body to be known as the retiring fund trustees which shall consist of 5 members. Two members shall be elected by the staff; 2 members shall be appointed by said local legislative body and the terms of office of said members shall be 4 years except that when the system is first put into effect, the terms of office shall be so fixed that but 1 member's term shall expire each year. The fifth member shall be ex-officio, the presiding officer of the said library board. Said trustees shall have charge of said retiring allowance fund and shall invest the same only in such securities as are legal for savings banks. Said trustees shall adopt such rules and by-laws as may be necessary, and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state and the provisions of this act;
(d) There shall be attached to such system as may be recommended, the certificate of a recognized and competent actuary stating that the system is actuarially sound, and the system shall provide for annual reports and valuations by such actuary to determine whether the fund is on a sound financial and actuarial basis.
History: 1927, Act 339, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1927;--CL 1929, 8110 ;--CL 1948, 38.702.

38.703 Approval of plan by legislative body; commencement.
Sec. 3. Upon the submission by said library board of a plan for a system of retiring allowances, the local legislative body shall take the same under consideration and shall then, in conference with said library board agree upon the details of said plan and if said plan so agreed upon differs from the one submitted, it shall, before adoption, be submitted to an actuary for report upon its financial and actuarial soundness and, if certified to be sound, may then be adopted. The plan shall then be put into operation at the beginning of the next fiscal year, unless an earlier date is agreed upon.

History: 1927, Act 339, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1927;--CL 1929, 8111 ;--CL 1948, 38.703.

38.704 Annual assessment for retirement allowance.

Sec. 4. When a system for retiring allowances has been agreed upon by the local legislative body and the library board and formally adopted by the former, then it shall be the duty of said local legislative body to raise by taxation each year, the sum found necessary to produce the retiring allowance fund required by the system adopted.

History: 1927, Act 339, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1927;--CL 1929, 8112;--CL 1948, 38.704.

38.705 Reserve fund and annuities; tax exemption.

Sec. 5. When a system of retiring allowances is adopted under the provisions of this act, the reserve fund thereby provided shall be free from all state, county, township, city, village and school district taxes and the annuities payable to the members of the staff shall likewise be free from all such taxes.

History: 1927, Act 339, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1927;--CL 1929, 8113;--CL 1948, 38.705.

38.706 Municipal employees' retirement system; coverage of employees of public libraries.

Sec. 6. In lieu, however, of formulating any plan under the foregoing sections of this act the library board and the local legislative body may, by concurrent resolution, adopt and put into effect for the employees of the library any plan which may have been, or may hereafter be, adopted for the employees of the city.

History: Add. 1935, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 4, 1935;--CL 1948, 38.706.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT OF 1979

Act 300 of 1980

AN ACT to provide a retirement system for the public school employees of this state; to create certain funds for this retirement system; to provide for the creation of a retirement board within the department of management and budget; to prescribe the powers and duties of the retirement board; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, agencies, officials, and employees; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1980, Act 300, Imd. Eff. Oct. 31, 1980;--Am. 1996, Act 488, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 4

38.1369g Former employees of reporting unit as public school employees; conditions; remittances required for granting of service credit; definitions.

Sec. 69g. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), a member whose reporting unit service consists of library or museum service and whose employment with that reporting unit is terminated because that reporting unit becomes a participating municipality to a district library agreement, or a former employee of a reporting unit that becomes a participating municipality to a district library agreement who was a member as the result of former employment with that reporting unit, is a public school employee for purposes of this act if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The person subsequently is employed by the district library established pursuant to that district library agreement.

(b) The district library board of that district library adopts a resolution that provides that the district library will remit to the retirement system the amount, percentages, and contributions described in subsection (2) for that person.

(2) The retirement board shall grant service credit to a member described in subsection (1) only if the district library remits to the retirement system the amount required by section 42, the percentage of aggregate annual compensation determined for current service as required by section 41, and the percentage determined for unfunded accrued service as required by section 41.

(3) The remittances described in subsection (2) are the exclusive obligation of the district library and shall not be a separate obligation by specific reimbursement or otherwise of the state.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) “District library” means a library established pursuant to section 3 of the district library establishment act, Act No. 24 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 397.173 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) “District library agreement” means that term as used in the district library establishment act, Act No. 24 of the Public Acts of 1989, being sections 397.171 to 397.196 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(c) “District library board” means that term as used in the district library establishment act, Act No. 24 of the Public Acts of 1989.

(d) “Participating municipalities” means that term as used in the district library establishment act, Act No. 24 of the Public Acts of 1989.

History: Add. 1989, Act 194, Imd. Eff. Aug. 25, 1989.

OPTIONAL UNIFIED FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Act 139 of 1973

AN ACT to provide forms of county government; to provide for county managers and county executives and to prescribe their powers and duties; to abolish certain departments, boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for transfer of certain powers and functions; to prescribe powers of a board of county commissioners and elected officials; to provide organization of administrative functions; to transfer property; to retain ordinances and laws not inconsistent with this act; to provide methods for abolition of a unified form of county government; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

History: 1973, Act 139, Eff. Mar. 29, 1974;--Am. 1998, Act 201, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

45.554 Abolition of certain offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or departments; termination of tenure; former powers as general county government powers; powers and duties of excepted boards or commissions; certain powers neither minimized nor divested; method of appointing veterans; powers vested in county department of veterans' affairs administrative committee or soldiers' relief commission.

Sec. 4. (1) On the date the optional unified form of county government becomes effective, all appointed boards, commissions, and authorities except the apportionment commission, airport zoning board of appeals, board of county canvassers, board of determination for a drainage district, civil service commission, county drainage board, county department of veterans' affairs administrative committee or soldiers' relief commission, concealed weapons licensing board, election commission, jury commission, library commission, parks and recreation commission, social services board, tax allocation board, a board established to oversee retirement programs, a plat board, a mental health board, a hospital board, an intercounty drainage board, and a building authority established by the county individually or in conjunction with another unit of government and the boards of county road commissioners; and all elective county offices except those of county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, clerk, register of deeds, treasurer, sheriff, and drain commissioner are abolished and the tenure of persons holding the office or appointment is terminated. Termination shall take effect whether or not it coincides with the end of a term of office or appointment. All county departments in conflict with the departmental organization established by this act are abolished. As used in this act, “department” or “county department” shall not include boards of county road commissioners.

(2) On the date the optional unified form of county government becomes effective, powers vested in an abolished office, board, commission, authority, or department shall become general county government powers, and functions performed by the abolished office, board, commission, authority, or department shall be administered by the county executive or county manager in the manner determined by the county board of commissioners.

(3) A board or commission which is excepted from this act pursuant to subsection (1) shall exercise the powers and duties as provided by law.

(4) The power vested in the office of county prosecuting attorney, county sheriff, county register of deeds, county clerk, county treasurer, county drain commissioner, or the board of county road commissioners, shall not be minimized or divested by this act.

(5) The method of appointing veterans to and the power vested in a county department of veterans' affairs administrative committee pursuant to Act No. 192 of the Public Acts of 1953, as amended, being sections 35.621 to 35.624 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a soldiers' relief commission pursuant to Act No. 214 of the Public Acts of 1899, as amended, being sections 35.21 to 35.27 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall not be affected, minimized, or divested, except as follows:

(a) Budgeting, procurement, office facilities and equipment, employment, and related management functions shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the county manager or executive.

(b) The employment of veterans' service officer shall be subject to approval of the department of veterans' affairs administrative committee or soldiers' relief commission.

History: 1973, Act 139, Eff. Mar. 29, 1974;--Am. 1978, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 7, 1978;--Am. 1980, Act 100, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1980.

45.563 Departments; establishment; directors; functions.

Sec. 13. An optional unified form of county government shall have all functions, except when otherwise allocated by this act, performed by 1 or more departments of the county or by the remaining boards, commissions, or authorities. Each department shall be headed by a director. Subject to the authority of the county manager or elected county executive the following departments and their respective directors may be established and designated to be responsible for performance of the functions enumerated:

(a) The department of administrative services shall perform general administrative and service functions for the county government; carry on public relations and information activities and deal with citizen complaints; plan for, assign, manage, and maintain all county building space; and manage a central motor pool.

(b) The department of finance shall supervise the execution of the annual county budget and maintain expenditure control; perform all central accounting functions; collect moneys owing the county not particularly within the jurisdiction of the county treasurer; purchase supplies and equipment required by county departments; and perform all investment, borrowing, and debt management functions except as done by the county treasurer.

(c) The department of planning and development shall prepare comprehensive plans for the overall development of the county; coordinate the preparation of county capital improvement programs; supervise economic development functions; and represent the county in joint planning activities with other jurisdictions.

(d) The department of medical examiners shall coordinate and supervise medical investigative activities.

(e) The department of corporation counsel if adopted shall perform as provided by law all civil law functions and provide property acquisition services for the county as provided by law.

(f) The department of parks and recreation shall develop, maintain, and operate all county park and recreation facilities and supervise all recreation programs except where the same is under a board of county road commissioners, or a parks and recreation commission.

(g) The department of personnel and employee relations shall perform all personnel and labor relations functions for the county.

(h) The department of health and environmental protection shall perform all public health services for the county and carry on environmental upgrading programs.

(i) The department of libraries shall operate a general library program for the county if no library board or commission exists and may operate libraries for other governmental and semi-governmental entities.

(j) The department of public works shall construct, maintain, and operate all county storm and sanitary sewer, sewage disposal, general drainage, and flood control facilities except as the same are performed by the county drain commissioner; may perform general engineering, construction, and maintenance functions for all county departments and, upon approval of the board, for other governmental and semi-governmental entities; may operate the county airport except where the airport is operated by a board of county road commissioners; may construct, maintain, and operate county solid waste systems including resource recovery and distribution; and may construct, maintain, and operate water processing and distribution systems.

(k) The department of institutional and human services shall supervise county human service programs including hospitals and child-care institutions.

History: 1973, Act 139, Eff. Mar. 29, 1974;--Am. 1982, Act 420, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT

Act 215 of 1895

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class; to provide for the vacation of the incorporation thereof; to define the powers and duties of such cities and the powers and duties of the municipal finance commission or its successor agency and of the department of treasury with regard thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes, borrowing of money, and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by cities; to define the application of this act and provide for its amendment by cities subject thereto; to validate such prior amendments and certain prior actions taken and bonds issued by such cities; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

History: 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;--Am. 1931, Act 223, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931 ;--Am. 1954, Act 110, Eff. Aug. 13, 1954 ;--Am. 1962, Act 161, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1962;--Am. 1974, Act 345, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1974;--Am. 1983, Act 45, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1983;--Am. 1998, Act 149, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER VII

DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS.

CITY TREASURER.

87.15 Public moneys; prohibited handling; removal from office.

Sec. 15. The city treasurer shall keep all moneys in his hands belonging to the city and to the public schools, separate and distinct from his own moneys; and he is hereby prohibited from using, either directly or indirectly, the corporation moneys, warrants, or evidences of debt, or any of the school or library funds in his custody or keeping, for his own use or benefit or that of any other person; any violation of this section shall subject him to immediate removal from office by the council, and the council is hereby authorized to declare the office vacant and to appoint his successor for the remainder of his term.

History: 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;--CL 1897, 3037 ;--CL 1915, 2953;--CL 1929, 1877;--CL 1948, 87.15.

CHAPTER XI

GENERAL POWERS OF CITY CORPORATIONS.

91.1 General powers.

Sec. 1. (1) A city incorporated under the provisions of this act has, and the council may pass ordinances relating to, the following general powers:

(a) To restrain and prevent vice and immorality, gambling, noise and disturbance, and indecent or disorderly conduct or assemblages; to prevent and quell riots; to preserve peace and good order; and to protect the property of the city or of persons in the city.

(b) To prohibit vagrancy, truancy, begging, public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or prostitution.

(c) To prevent injury or annoyance from anything dangerous, offensive, or unhealthy; to prohibit and remove anything tending to cause or promote disease; and to prevent and abate nuisances.

(d) To prohibit and suppress places of disorderly conduct, immorality, or vice.

(e) To regulate or license the use of places of entertainment.

(f) To prohibit and suppress gambling and to authorize the seizure and destruction of instruments and devices used for gambling.

(g) To prohibit and prevent the selling or giving of alcoholic liquor, as defined in section 2 of the Michigan liquor control act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, being section 436.2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(h) To regulate, restrain, or prohibit sports, exhibitions, caravans, and shows for which money or other reward is demanded or received, except lectures on historic, literary, or scientific subjects.
(i) To prevent the violation of the Sabbath day, or the disturbance of a religious meeting, congregation, or society or other public meeting assembled for a lawful purpose; and to require businesses to be closed on the Sabbath day.
(j) To license, regulate, or prohibit auctioneers, auctions, and sales by public bids or offers by buyers or sellers in the manner of auctions; and to regulate the fees to be paid by and to auctioneers. However, a license shall not be required in case of sales required by law to be made at auction.
(k) To license, regulate, or prohibit hawking and peddling and to license pawnbroking.
(l) To license and regulate wharf boats and to regulate the use of boats in and about the harbor, if any, and within the jurisdiction of the city.
(m) To establish, authorize, license, and regulate ferries to and from the city or a place in the city; and to regulate and prescribe the charges and prices for the transportation of persons and property by ferry.
(n) To regulate and license taverns, houses of public entertainment, saloons, restaurants, and eating houses; and to regulate and prescribe the location of saloons. This subdivision does not authorize the licensing of the sale of alcoholic liquor, as defined in section 2 of Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933.
(o) To license and regulate vehicles used for the transportation of persons or property for hire in the city; and to regulate or fix their stands on the streets and public places and at wharves, boat landings, railroad station grounds, and other places.
(p) To regulate and license toll bridges within the city and to prescribe the rates and charges for passage over the bridges.
(q) To provide for and regulate the inspection of food.
(r) To regulate the inspection, weighing, and measuring of brick, lumber, firewood, coal, hay, and any article of merchandise.
(s) To provide for the inspection and sealing of weights and measures and to enforce the keeping and use of proper weights and measures by venders.
(t) To regulate the construction, repair, and use of vaults, cisterns, areas, hydrants, pumps, sewers, and gutters.
(u) To prohibit and prevent indecent exposure of the person; the show, sale, or exhibition for sale of indecent or obscene pictures, drawings, engravings, paintings, books, or pamphlets; and indecent or obscene exhibitions and shows.
(v) To regulate or prohibit bathing in the city's bodies of water.
(w) To provide for the clearing of driftwood and noxious matter from the city's bodies of water; and to prohibit and prevent the depositing in the city's bodies of water of matter tending to render the water impure, unwholesome, or offensive.
(x) To compel the owner or occupant of any grocery, tallow chandler shop, soap or candy factory, butcher shop or stall, slaughter house, stable, barn, privy, sewer, or other offensive, nauseous, or unwholesome place to cleanse, remove, or abate it when the council considers it necessary for the health, comfort, or convenience of the inhabitants of the city.
(y) To regulate the keeping, selling, and using of dynamite, gunpowder, firecrackers and fireworks, and other explosive or combustible materials; to regulate the exhibition of fireworks and the discharge of firearms; and to restrain the making of fires in the streets and other open spaces in the city.
(z) To direct and regulate the construction of cellars, slips, barns, private drains, sinks, and privies.
(aa) To prohibit, prevent, and suppress mock auctions and fraudulent games, devices, and practices. Persons managing, using, or practicing; attempting to manage, use, or practice; or aiding in the management or practice of a mock auction or fraudulent game, device, or practice may be subject to the provisions of an ordinance under this subdivision.
(bb) To prohibit, prevent, and suppress lotteries for the drawing or disposing of money or other property. Persons maintaining, directing, or managing such lotteries or aiding in the maintenance,

directing, or managing of such lotteries may be subject to the provisions of an ordinance under this subdivision.

(cc) To license and regulate solicitors for passengers or for baggage to and from a hotel, tavern, public house, boat, or railroad and to provide the places where they may be admitted to solicit or receive patronage; and to license and regulate porters, runners, and drivers of vehicles used and employed for hire, to provide the places where they be admitted to solicit or receive patronage, and to fix and regulate the amounts and rates of their compensation.

(dd) To provide for the protection and care of paupers.

(ee) To provide for taking a census of the inhabitants of the city, whenever the council sees fit, and to direct and regulate the census.

(ff) To provide for the issuing of licenses to the owners and keepers of dogs and to require the owners and keepers of dogs to pay for and obtain such licenses; and to regulate and prevent the running at large of dogs, to require dogs to be muzzled, and to authorize the killing of dogs running at large or not licensed in violation of an ordinance of the city.

(gg) To prohibit the possession or use of toy pistols, slingshots, and other dangerous toys or implements within the city.

(hh) To require horses, mules, or other animals attached to vehicles or standing in the streets, lanes, or alleys in the city to be securely fastened, hitched, watched, or held and to regulate the placing and provide for the preservation of hitching posts.

(ii) To provide for and regulate the numbering of buildings upon the streets and alleys; to require the owners or occupants of buildings to affix numbers on the buildings; and to designate and change the names of public streets, alleys, and parks.

(jj) To provide for, establish, regulate, and preserve public fountains and reservoirs within the city, and troughs and basins for watering animals.

(kk) To prevent or provide for the construction and operation of street railways, to regulate street railways, and to determine and designate the route and grade of any street railway to be laid or constructed in the city.

(ll) To establish and maintain a public library, to provide a suitable building for that public library, and to aid in maintaining such other public libraries as may be established within the city by private beneficence as the council considers to be for the public good.

(mm) To license transient traders. In the case of transient traders who engage in the business of selling goods or merchandise after the commencement of the fiscal year, the license fee may be apportioned with relation to the part of the fiscal year that has expired. If such traders continue in the same business after the commencement of the next fiscal year, and their goods or merchandise are assessed for taxes for the next fiscal year, the traders shall not be required to take out a second license upon the commencement of the next fiscal year.

(2) The council may enact ordinances and make regulations, consistent with the laws and constitution of the state as they may consider necessary for the safety, order, and good government of the city and the general welfare of the inhabitants of the city, but exclusive rights, privileges, or permits shall not be granted by the council.

History: 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;--CL 1897, 3107;--CL 1915, 3021 ;--CL 1929, 1945;--CL 1948, 91.1 ;--Am. 1994, Act 19, Eff. May 1, 1994.

THE HOME RULE CITY ACT

Act 279 of 1909

AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of cities and for revising and amending their charters; to provide for certain powers and duties; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes by cities, borrowing of money, and issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness; to validate actions taken, bonds issued, and obligations heretofore incurred; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts on specific dates.

History: 1909, Act 279, Eff. Sept. 1, 1909;--Am. 1911, Act 203, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911 ;--Am. 1913, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 11, 1913;--Am. 1973, Act 81, Imd. Eff. July 31, 1973;--Am. 1981, Act 175, Imd. Eff. Dec. 14, 1981;--Am. 1986, Act 64, Imd. Eff. Mar. 31, 1986;--Am. 1998, Act 150, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

117.4e Public property; condemnation of private property; permissible charter provisions.

Sec. 4e. Each city may in its charter provide:

(1) For the acquisition by purchase, gift, condemnation, lease, construction or otherwise, either within or without its corporate limits and either within or without the corporate limits of the county in which it is located, of the following improvements including the necessary lands therefor, viz.: City hall, police stations, fire stations, boulevards, streets, alleys, public parks, recreation grounds, municipal camps, public grounds, zoological gardens, museums, libraries, airports, cemeteries, public wharves and landings upon navigable waters, levees and embankments, watch-houses, city prisons and work houses, penal farms, institutions, hospitals, quarantine grounds, electric light and power plants and systems, gas plants and systems, waterworks plants and systems, sewage disposal plants and systems, market houses and market places, office buildings for city officers and employees, public works, and public buildings of all kinds; and for the costs and expenses thereof;

(2) For the acquisition by purchase, gift, condemnation, lease or otherwise of private property, either within or without its corporate limits and either within or without the corporate limits of the county in which it is located, for any public use or purpose within the scope of its powers, whether herein specifically mentioned or not. If condemnation proceedings are resorted to for the acquisition of private property outside the corporate limits of such city, such condemnation proceedings may be brought under the provisions of Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended or as may be amended, entitled “An act to provide for the condemnation by state agencies and public corporations of private property for the use or benefit of the public and to define the terms 'public corporations', 'state agencies' and 'private property' as used herein,” being sections 353 to 373 inclusive of the Compiled Laws of 1915, or such other appropriate provisions therefor as exist or shall be made by law;

(3) For the maintenance, development, operation, of its property and upon the discontinuance thereof to lease, sell or dispose of the same subject to any restrictions placed thereupon by law: Provided, That on the sale of any capital asset of a municipally owned utility the money received shall be used in procuring a similar capital asset, or placed in the sinking fund to retire bonds issued for said utility.

History: Add. 1929, Act 126, Eff. Aug. 28, 1929;--CL 1929, 2235;--CL 1948, 117.4e;--Am. 1949, Act 207, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949.

Compiler's Note: For provisions of Act 149 of 1911, referred to in subdivision (2), see § 213.21 *et seq*.

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE ZONE ACT

Act 376 of 1996

AN ACT to create and expand certain renaissance zones; to foster economic opportunities in this state; to facilitate economic development; to stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements; to prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration of geographic areas in this state; to authorize expenditures; to provide exemptions and credits from certain taxes; to create certain obligations of this state and local governmental units; to require disclosure of certain transactions and gifts; to provide for appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local departments, agencies, and officials.

History: 1996, Act 376, Imd. Eff. July 17, 1996 ;--Am. 1999, Act 98, Eff. Oct. 11, 1999 .

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

125.2692 Reimbursement to intermediate school districts, local school districts, community college districts, public libraries, and school aid fund.

Sec. 12. (1) This state shall reimburse intermediate school districts each year for all tax revenue lost as the result of the exemption of property under this act, based on the property's taxable value in that year, from taxes levied under section 625a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.625a; from taxes levied for area vocational-technical program operating purposes under section 681 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.681; and from taxes levied for special education operating purposes under section 1724a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1724a.

(2) This state shall reimburse local school districts each year for all tax revenue lost as the result of the exemption of property under this act from taxes levied under section 1211 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1211, based on the property's taxable value in that year.

(3) This state shall reimburse a community college district and a public library each year for all tax revenue lost as a result of the exemption of property under this act, based on the property's taxable value in that year, from taxes levied or collected under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.

(4) Intermediate school districts, community college districts, and public libraries eligible for reimbursement under subsections (1) and (3) shall report to and on a date determined by the department of treasury all revenue lost for which reimbursement under subsections (1) and (3) is claimed. A local school district eligible for reimbursement under subsection (2) shall report each year on a date determined by the department of treasury all revenue lost for which reimbursement under subsection (2) is claimed.

(5) This state shall reimburse the school aid fund for all revenues lost as the result of the establishment of renaissance zones. Foundation allowances calculated under section 20 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1620, shall not be reduced as a result of lost revenues arising from this act.

History: 1996, Act 376, Imd. Eff. July 17, 1996;--Am. 2002, Act 745, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2002.

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

Act 266 of 1995

AN ACT to authorize and regulate credit card transactions involving local units of government, including the use of credit cards by officers and employees of local units of government; and to provide for powers and duties of certain state and local agencies, officers, and employees.

History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

129.241 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Budget" means a plan of financial operation for a given period of time, including an estimate of all proposed expenditures from the funds of a local unit and the proposed means of financing the expenditures. As used in section 4(1), budget does not include any of the following:

(i) A fund for which the local unit acts as a trustee or agent.

(ii) An intragovernmental service fund.

(iii) An enterprise fund.

(iv) A public improvement or building and site fund.

(v) A special assessment fund.

(b) "Credit card" means a card or device issued under a credit card arrangement by a person licensed under 1984 PA 379, MCL 493.101 to 493.114, by a person licensed under the consumer financial services act, 1988 PA 161, MCL 487.2051 to 487.2072, or by a depository financial institution as defined in section 1a of the mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers licensing act, 1987 PA 173, MCL 445.1651a.

(c) "Credit card arrangement" means an unsecured extension of credit for purchasing goods or services from the credit card issuer or any other person that is made to the holder of a credit card and that is accessed with a credit card.

(d) "Credit card policy" means a policy adopted by resolution of a local unit under section 3.

(e) "Governing body" means any of the following:

(i) The council, commission, or other entity vested with the legislative power of a village.

(ii) The council or other entity vested with the legislative power of a city.

(iii) The township board of a township.

(iv) The county board of commissioners of a county.

(v) The board of county road commissioners of a county.

(vi) The board of education of a local school district.

(vii) The board of education of an intermediate school district.

(viii) The board of trustees of a community college district.

(ix) The official body to which is granted general governing powers over an authority or organization of government established by law that may issue obligations under the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, and that may expend funds of the authority or organization.

(x) A community mental health authority created under section 205 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1205.

(f) "Local school district" means a school district organized under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or a district governed by a special or local act.

(g) "Local unit" means any of the following:

(i) A village.

(ii) A city.

(iii) A township.

(iv) A county.

(v) A county road commission.

(vi) A local school district.
(vii) An intermediate school district.
(viii) A community college district.
(ix) An authority or organization of government established by law that may issue obligations under the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, and that may expend funds of the authority or organization.
(x) A community mental health authority created under section 205 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1205.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996;--Am. 2000, Act 169, Imd. Eff. June 20, 2000;--Am. 2002, Act 257, Imd. Eff. May 1, 2002.

129.242 Credit card arrangement; use of credit cards.
Sec. 2. (1) Subject to sections 3 and 5, the governing body of a local unit may enter into a credit card arrangement.
(2) A credit card arrangement or the use of credit cards under this act is not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, or to provisions of law or charter concerning the issuance of debt by a local unit.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996 ;--Am. 2002, Act 257, Imd. Eff. May 1, 2002.

129.243 Adoption of resolution; written policy; provisions.
Sec. 3. A local unit shall not be a party to a credit card arrangement unless the governing body of the local unit has adopted by resolution a written policy that provides all of the following:
(a) That an officer or employee designated by the credit card policy is responsible for the local unit's credit card issuance, accounting, monitoring, and retrieval and generally for overseeing compliance with the credit card policy.
(b) That a credit card may be used only by an officer or employee of the local unit for the purchase of goods or services for the official business of the local unit. In addition, the credit card policy may limit the specific official business for which credit cards may be used. This subdivision does not limit the applicability of chapter XXIVA or section 174, 175, 219a, or 490a of the Michigan penal code, Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.157m to 750.157w, 750.174, 750.175, 750.219a, and 750.490a of the Michigan Compiled Laws; section 1a of the code of criminal procedure, Act No. 175 of the Public Acts of 1927, being section 769.1a of the Michigan Compiled Laws; or any other law, or ordinance, applicable to use of a credit card, issued by a local unit, for other than official business of the local unit.
(c) That an officer or employee using credit cards issued by the local unit shall submit to the local unit documentation described in the credit card policy detailing the goods or services purchased, the cost of the goods or services, the date of the purchase, and the official business for which purchased.
(d) That an officer or employee issued a credit card is responsible for its protection and custody and shall immediately notify the local unit if the credit card is lost or stolen.
(e) That an officer or employee issued a credit card shall return the credit card upon the termination of his or her employment or service in office with the local unit.
(f) For a system of internal accounting controls to monitor the use of credit cards issued by the local unit.
(g) For the approval of credit card invoices before payment.
(h) That the balance including interest due on an extension of credit under the credit card arrangement shall be paid for within not more than 60 days of the initial statement date. The local unit shall comply with this provision of the credit card policy.
(i) For disciplinary measures consistent with law for the unauthorized use of a credit card by an officer or employee of the local unit.
(j) Any other matters the governing body considers advisable.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996.

129.244 Total combined authorized credit limit; limitation; payment of balance, annual fee, and interest.
Sec. 4. (1) The total combined authorized credit limit of all credit cards issued by a local unit shall not exceed 5% of the total budget of the local unit for the current fiscal year.

(2) The governing body of a local unit may include in its budget and pay the balance due on any credit cards, including the annual fee and interest.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996.

129.245 Limiting or suspending authority to issue and use credit cards; issuance of order; hearing.
Sec. 5. After a hearing conducted under the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the department of treasury may issue an order limiting or suspending the authority of a local unit to issue and use credit cards under this act for failure to comply with the requirements of this act or with the requirements of the local unit's credit card policy.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996.

129.246 Validity of credit card arrangement before effective date of act.
Sec. 6. A credit card arrangement entered into by a local unit before the effective date of this act is valid but may not be used for credit card transactions on or after the effective date of this act unless the requirements of sections 3 and 4 are complied with.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996.

129.247 Effective date.
Sec. 7. This act shall take effect 6 months after the date of its enactment.
History: 1995, Act 266, Eff. July 8, 1996.

BUDGET HEARINGS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
Act 43 of 1963 (2nd Ex. Sess.)

AN ACT to provide for public hearings on budgets of local units of government.
History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 43, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

141.411 Local unit of government; definition.
Sec. 1. As used in this act "local unit" means a county, township, city, village, authority or school district empowered by the constitution or by law to prepare budgets of estimated expenditures and revenues.
History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 43, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963.

141.412 Local unit of government; public hearing on proposed budget; notice.
Sec. 2. A local unit shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget. The local unit shall give notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the local unit at least 6 days before the hearing. The notice shall include the time and place of the hearing and shall state the place where a copy of the budget is available for public inspection. The notice shall also include the following statement printed in 11-point boldfaced type: "The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing".
History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 43, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963;--Am. 1995, Act 40, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1995.

141.413 Local unit of government; final adoption of budget, hearing.
Sec. 3. Each local unit shall hold such public hearing prior to final adoption of its budget. Units which submit budgets to a county tax allocation board shall hold such hearing after its tax rate allocation has been fixed by such board.
History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 43, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963.

141.414 Local unit of government; changes in budget.
Sec. 4. Changes made in its budget by the governing body of a local unit subsequent to such public hearing shall not affect the validity of such budget.
History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 43, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963.

141.415 Local unit of government; public hearing on budget, charter, statute.
Sec. 5. Local units which provide for a public hearing before adoption of their budgets either in pursuance of charter provision or law shall hold a public hearing in accordance with such provision of charter or law which shall be deemed to be in a manner prescribed by law.
History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 43, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963.

UNIFORM BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING ACT
Act 2 of 1968

AN ACT to provide for the formulation and establishment of uniform charts of accounts and reports in local units of government; to define local units of government; to provide for the examination of the books and accounts of local units of government; to provide for annual financial reports from local units of government; to provide for the administration of this act; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state treasurer, the attorney general, the library of Michigan and depository libraries, and other officers and entities; to provide penalties for violation of certain requirements of this act; to provide for meeting the expenses authorized by this act; to provide a uniform budgeting system for local units; and to prohibit deficit spending by a local unit of government.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 1996, Act 401, Eff. Dec. 18, 1996.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

141.421 Uniform charts of accounts for local units; design; conformity to uniform standards; maintenance of local unit accounts; publication of standard operating procedures and forms; assistance, advice, or instruction; inadequacy of local unit; report; services of certified public accountant or state treasurer; expenses; payment; contract; monthly billings.

Sec. 1. (1) The state treasurer shall prescribe uniform charts of accounts for all local units of similar size, function, or service designed to fulfill the requirements of good accounting practices relating to general government. Such chart of accounts shall conform as nearly as practicable to the uniform standards as set forth by the governmental accounting standards board or by a successor organization that establishes national generally accepted accounting standards and is determined acceptable to the state treasurer. The official who by law or charter is charged with the responsibility for the financial affairs of the local unit shall insure that the local unit accounts are maintained and kept in accordance with the chart of accounts. The state treasurer may also publish standard operating procedures and forms for the guidance of local units in establishing and maintaining uniform accounting.

(2) A local unit may request the state treasurer to provide assistance, advice, or instruction in establishing or maintaining the uniform chart of accounts required by subsection (1).

(3) The state treasurer may provide assistance, advice, or instruction to a local unit to establish or maintain the uniform chart of accounts required by subsection (1) based on information from 1 or more of the following sources:

(a) Disclosure by the certified public accountant or the department of treasury in an audit report required by section 5 or 6 that the local unit has failed to establish or maintain the uniform chart of accounts required by subsection (1).

(b) Disclosure by the department of treasury in a special examination report that the local unit has failed to establish or maintain the uniform chart of accounts required by subsection (1).

(c) Disclosure in an audit report issued under section 5 or 6 that the records of the local unit are not auditable because the local unit has failed to establish or maintain the uniform chart of accounts required by subsection (1).

(d) Disclosure from another state agency.

(e) Department of treasury records indicate that the audit required under section 5 has not been performed or filed and is delinquent, and that the local unit is subject to the provisions of section 21 of the Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.921.

(4) The state treasurer, in performing the services under subsection (2) or (3), may make a determination that the local unit cannot adequately establish or maintain the uniform chart of accounts without additional assistance, advice, or instruction from the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall submit a written report of the findings and recommendations to the governing body of the local unit. The local unit shall retain, within 90 days after receipt of this report, the services of a certified public accountant or the state treasurer to perform the needed additional services and shall notify, by resolution of the governing body, the state treasurer of such action. Upon failure of the local unit to

respond within the 90-day period, the state treasurer shall perform the necessary services to adequately establish or maintain the uniform chart of accounts.
(5) The state treasurer shall charge reasonable and necessary expenses, including per diem and travel expenses, to the local unit for services performed pursuant to subsections (2), (3), and (4), and the local unit shall make payment to the state treasurer for these expenses. The state treasurer shall execute a contract with the local unit or provide monthly billings if a contract is not executed.
History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1982, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1982;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.421a Short title.
Sec. 1a. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "uniform budgeting and accounting act".
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980.

141.422 Meanings of words and phrases.
Sec. 2. For the purposes of this act, the words and phrases defined in sections 2a to 2d have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.
History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980.

141.422a Definitions; A, B.
Sec. 2a. (1) "Administrative officer" means an individual employed or otherwise engaged by a local unit to supervise a budgetary center.
(2) "Allotment" means a portion of an appropriation which may be expended or encumbered during a certain period of time.
(3) "Appropriation" means an authorization granted by a legislative body to incur obligations and to expend public funds for a stated purpose.
(4) "Budget" means a plan of financial operation for a given period of time, including an estimate of all proposed expenditures from the funds of a local unit and the proposed means of financing the expenditures. Budget does not include any of the following:
(a) A fund for which the local unit acts as a trustee or agent.
(b) An internal service fund.
(c) An enterprise fund.
(d) A capital project fund.
(e) A debt service fund.
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.422b Definitions; B to D.
Sec. 2b. (1) "Budgetary center" means a general operating department of a local unit or any other department, institution, court, board, commission, agency, office, program, activity, or function to which money is appropriated by the local unit.
(2) "Capital outlay" means a disbursement of money which results in the acquisition of, or addition to, fixed assets.
(3) "Chief administrative officer" means any of the following:
(a) The manager of a village or, if a village does not employ a manager, the president of the village.
(b) The city manager of a city or, if a city does not employ a city manager, the mayor of the city.
(c) The superintendent of a local school district or, if the school district does not have a superintendent, the person having general administrative control of the school district.
(d) The superintendent of an intermediate school district or, if the school district does not have a superintendent, the person having general administrative control of the school district.
(e) The manager of a township or, if the township does not employ a manager, the supervisor of the township.
(f) The elected county executive or appointed county manager of a county; or if the county has not adopted an optional unified form of county government, the controller of the county appointed pursuant to section 13b of 1851 PA 156, MCL 46.13b; or if the county has not appointed a controller, an individual designated by the county board of commissioners of the county.
(g) The official granted general administrative control of an authority or organization of government established by law that may expend funds of the authority or organization.

(h) A person granted general administrative control of the public school academy by the board of directors of a public school academy established under part 6a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.501 to 380.507, or other person designated by the board of directors of the public school academy.

(4) "Deficit" means an excess of liabilities and reserves of a fund over its assets.

(5) "Derivative instrument or product" means either of the following:

(a) A contract or convertible security that changes in value in concert with a related or underlying security, future, or other instrument or index; or that obtains much of its value from price movements in a related or underlying security, future, or other instrument or index; or both.

(b) A contract or security, such as an option, forward, swap, warrant, or a debt instrument with 1 or more options, forwards, swaps, or warrants embedded in it or attached to it, the value of which contract or security is determined in whole or in part by the price of 1 or more underlying instruments or markets.

(6) "Derivative instrument or product" does not mean a fund created pursuant to the surplus funds investment pool act, 1982 PA 367, MCL 129.111 to 129.118, or section 1223 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1223.

(7) "Disbursement" means a payment in cash.

History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 1996, Act 402, Imd. Eff. Oct. 21, 1996;--Am. 1996, Act 439, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1996;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.422c Definitions; E to G.

Sec. 2c. (1) "Expenditure" means the cost of goods delivered or services rendered, whether paid or unpaid, including expenses, debt retirement not reported as a liability of the fund from which retired, or capital outlay.

(2) "General appropriations act" means the budget as adopted by the legislative body or as otherwise given legal effect pursuant to a charter provision in effect on the effective date of this section.

History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.422d Definitions; D to S.

Sec. 2d. (1) "Depository library" means a depository library designated under section 10 of the library of Michigan act, 1982 PA 540, MCL 397.20.

(2) "Legislative body" means any of the following:

(a) The council, commission, or other entity vested with the legislative power of a village.

(b) The council or other entity vested with the legislative power of a city.

(c) The board of education of a local school district.

(d) The board of education of an intermediate school district.

(e) The township board of a township.

(f) The county board of commissioners of a county.

(g) The board of county road commissioners of a county.

(h) The board of directors of a public school academy established under part 6a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.501 to 380.507.

(i) The official body to which is granted general governing powers over an authority or organization of government established by law that may expend funds of the authority or organization. As used in this act, legislative body does not include an intermunicipality committee established under 1957 PA 200, MCL 123.631 to 123.637.

(3) "Library of Michigan" means the library of Michigan created under section 3 of the library of Michigan act, 1982 PA 540, MCL 397.13.

(4) "Local unit" does not include an intermunicipality committee established under 1957 PA 200, MCL 123.631 to 123.637. Except as used in sections 14 to 20a, local unit means a village, city, or township or an authority or commission established by a county, village, city, or township resolution, motion, ordinance, or charter. As used in sections 14 to 20a, local unit means any of the following:

(a) A village.

(b) A city.

(c) A school district.

(d) An intermediate school district.

(e) A public school academy established under part 6a of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.501 to 380.507.
(f) A township.
(g) A county.
(h) A county road commission.
(i) An authority or organization of government established by law that may expend funds of the authority or organization.

(5) "Revenue" means an addition to the assets of a fund that does not increase a liability, does not represent the recovery of an expenditure, does not represent the cancellation of a liability without a corresponding increase in any other liability or a decrease in assets, and does not represent a contribution of fund capital in enterprise or in internal service funds.

(6) "Surplus" means an excess of the assets of a fund over its liabilities and reserves.

History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 1981, Act 78, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;--Am. 1996, Act 401, Eff. Dec. 18, 1996;--Am. 1999, Act 142, Imd. Eff. Oct. 22, 1999;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.423 Publication; hearings.

Sec. 3. The state treasurer, before the adoption of a uniform chart of accounts, shall provide for advance publication and for hearings thereon with an advisory committee selected by the state treasurer from the local units and from other interested or concerned groups. The uniform chart of accounts, when finally adopted, shall be published and made readily available to all interested persons.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968.

141.424 Annual financial report; contents; filing; extension; unauthorized investments prohibited; "pension" defined.

Sec. 4. (1) The chief administrative officer of each local unit shall make an annual financial report (local unit fiscal report) which shall be uniform for all local units of the same class.

(2) The annual financial report shall contain for each fiscal year, all of the following:

(a) An accurate statement in summarized form, showing the amount of all revenues from all sources, the amount of expenditures for each purpose, the amount of indebtedness, the fund balances at the close of each fiscal year, and any other information as may be required by law.

(b) A statement indicating whether there are derivative instruments or products in the local unit's nonpension investment portfolio at fiscal year end.

(c) If the statement under subdivision (b) is affirmative, an accurate schedule reporting the cost and fiscal year end market value of derivative instruments or products in the local unit's nonpension investment portfolio at fiscal year end. The information required under this subdivision shall be reported both on an aggregate basis and itemized by issuer and type of derivative instrument or product.

(d) A statement indicating whether there are derivative instruments or products in the local unit's pension investment portfolio at fiscal year end. Investments of defined contribution plans and deferred compensation plans that are chosen by the employee participating in the plan shall be excluded from the information reported under this subdivision.

(e) If the statement under subdivision (d) is affirmative, an accurate schedule reporting the cost and fiscal year end market value of derivative instruments or products in the local unit's pension investment portfolio at fiscal year end. The information required under this subdivision shall be reported both on an aggregate basis and itemized by issuer and type of derivative instrument or product. Investments of defined contribution plans and deferred compensation plans that are chosen by the employee participating in the plan shall be excluded from the information reported under this subdivision.

(3) One copy of the annual financial report required by subsection (1) shall be filed with the state treasurer within 6 months after the end of the fiscal year of the local unit. The state treasurer shall prescribe the forms to be used by local units for preparation of the financial reports. The state treasurer may require that an annual financial report by the pension system for any defined benefit plan of the local unit be submitted in electronic format after timely notice by the state treasurer. The chief administrative officer of a local unit may request an extension of the filing date from the state treasurer, and the state treasurer may grant the request for reasonable cause. If the local unit of

government requests an extension of the filing deadline, then the local unit of government must provide to the department of treasury the unadjusted year end trial balance reports, in a form and manner as prescribed by the department of treasury, to the department of treasury at the time the local unit of government requests the extension. The department of treasury shall post these unadjusted year end trial reports on the department's internet website if the extension is granted.
(4) This section does not authorize a local unit to make investments not otherwise authorized by law.
(5) For purposes of this section, "pension" includes a public employee health care fund as defined in the public employee health care investment fund act, 1999 PA 149, MCL 38.1211 to 38.1216.
History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1982, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1982;--Am. 1983, Act 36, Imd. Eff. May 10, 1983;--Am. 1996, Act 439, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1996;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001;--Am. 2002, Act 250, Imd. Eff. May 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 729, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2002.

141.424a Failure of local unit to report investments in derivative instruments or products.

Sec. 4a. (1) If a local unit fails to report investments in derivative instruments or products as required by section 4, the state treasurer may determine that the local unit cannot report the investments without assistance, advice, or instruction from the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall submit a written statement of the findings and recommendations to the legislative body of the local unit. Within 90 days after receipt of this statement, the local unit shall retain a certified public accountant or the state treasurer to report the investments in the manner required in section 4 and shall notify, by resolution of the legislative body, the state treasurer of the action. Upon failure of the local unit to respond within the 90-day period, the state treasurer shall report the investments.
(2) The state treasurer shall charge reasonable and necessary expenses, including per diem and travel expenses, to the local unit for services performed pursuant to subsection (1) and the local unit shall pay the state treasurer for these expenses. For payment of the expenses, the state treasurer shall either execute a contract with the local unit or bill the local unit on a monthly basis.
History: Add. 1996, Act 400, Eff. Dec. 18, 1996.

141.424b Schedule of derivative instruments and products; filing copies; Library of Michigan and depository libraries as depositories; retention of annual report by local unit.

Sec. 4b. (1) The state treasurer shall promptly file with the library of Michigan copies of a schedule of derivative instruments and products described in section 4(2)(c) or (e) and obtained under section 4 or section 4a. The treasurer shall file a sufficient number of copies to deposit 1 copy in the library of Michigan and 1 copy in each depository library.
(2) The library of Michigan and depository libraries shall serve as depositories for schedules of derivative instruments and products described in section 4(2)(c) or (e) in the manner required by sections 9 and 10 of the library of Michigan act, Act No. 540 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 397.19 and 397.20 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The library of Michigan and each depository library shall promptly make a schedule of derivative instruments and products described in section 4(2)(c) or (e) available to the public.
(3) A local unit shall obtain and retain a copy of an annual financial report submitted under this act. A local unit or the state treasurer shall make an annual financial report prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the local unit or state treasurer available for public inspection under the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: Add. 1996, Act 401, Eff. Dec. 18, 1996.

141.425 Local units; audits.

Sec. 5. (1) A local unit having a population of less than 4,000 shall obtain an audit of its financial records, accounts, and procedures not less frequently than biennially. However, if any audit under this subsection discloses a material deviation by the local unit from generally accepted accounting practices or from applicable rules and regulations of a state department or agency or discloses any fiscal irregularity, defalcation, misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance, the department of treasury may require an audit to be conducted in the next year.
(2) A local unit having a population of 4,000 or more shall obtain an annual audit of its financial records, accounts, and procedures.
History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1996, Act 146, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1996.

141.426 Certified public accountants; cost.

Sec. 6. Local units may retain certified public accountants to perform such audits. If any unit fails to provide for an audit, the state treasurer shall either conduct the audit or appoint a certified public accountant to perform it. The entire cost of any such audits will be borne by the local unit.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968.

141.427 Minimum auditing procedures and standards; form for report of auditing procedures; filing audit report and report of auditing procedures; time for filing; extension.

Sec. 7. (1) The state treasurer shall prescribe minimum auditing procedures and standards and these shall conform as nearly as practicable to generally accepted auditing standards established by the American institute of certified public accountants.

(2) A report of the auditing procedures applied in each audit shall be prepared on a form provided for this purpose by the state treasurer. The state treasurer may require that the audit report, or the report of auditing procedures, or both, that are required by this subsection to be filed with the state treasurer be filed in an electronic format prescribed by the state treasurer.

(3) One copy of every audit report and 1 copy of the report of auditing procedures applied shall be filed with the state treasurer.

(4) The copy of the audit report and the copy of the report of auditing procedures applied required by subsection (3) shall be filed with the state treasurer within 6 months after the end of the fiscal year of a local unit for which an audit has been performed pursuant to section 5. The chief administrative officer of a local unit may request an extension of the filing date from the state treasurer, and the state treasurer may grant the request for reasonable cause. A chief administrative officer who requests an extension under this subsection shall, within 10 days of making the request, inform the governing body in writing of the requested extension.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1982, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1982;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.428 Contents of audit report.

Sec. 8. Every audit report shall do all of the following:

(a) State that the audit has been conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and with the standards prescribed by the state treasurer.

(b) State that financial statements in such reports have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and with applicable rules and regulations of any state department or agency. Any deviations from such principles, rules, or regulations shall be described.

(c) Disclose any material deviations by the local unit from generally accepted accounting practices or from applicable rules and regulations of any state department or agency.

(d) Disclose any fiscal irregularities, including but not limited to any deviations from the requirements of section 4; defalcations; misfeasance; nonfeasance; or malfeasance that came to the auditor's attention.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1996, Act 400, Eff. Dec. 18, 1996;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.429 Public inspection of audit reports.

Sec. 9. All audit reports submitted under this act shall be made available for public inspection.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968.

141.430 Orders and subpoenas.

Sec. 10. In connection with any audit and examination conducted under the provisions of this act, the state treasurer, or a deputy state treasurer, may issue subpoenas, direct the service thereof by any police officer, and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, may administer oaths and examine such persons as may be necessary, and may compel the production of books and papers. The orders and subpoenas issued by the state treasurer or by a deputy state treasurer, in pursuance of the authority in them vested by provisions of this section, may be enforced upon their application to any circuit court by proceedings in contempt therein, as provided by law.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968.

141.431 Violations of act.

Sec. 11. If any audit or investigation conducted under this act discloses statutory violations on the part of any officer, employee or board of any local unit, a copy of such report shall be filed with the attorney general who shall review the report and cause to be instituted such proceeding against such officer, employee or board as he deems necessary. The attorney general, within 60 days after receipt of the report, may institute criminal proceedings as he deems necessary against such officer or employee, or direct that the criminal proceedings be instituted by the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the offense was committed. The attorney general or the prosecuting attorney shall institute civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery of any public moneys, disclosed by any examination to have been illegally expended or collected and not accounted for; also for the recovery of any public property disclosed to have been converted and misappropriated.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968.

141.432 Verification of transactions.

Sec. 12. (1) For purposes of verifying any transactions disclosed by an audit or investigation, any person or firm authorized to conduct an audit under this act may ascertain the deposits, payments, withdrawals and balances on deposit in any bank account or with any contractor or with any other person having dealings with the local unit.

(2) A bank, contractor or person shall not be held liable for making available any of the information required under this act.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968.

141.433 Scope of examiner's authority; production of records; divulging confidential information.

Sec. 13. (1) Notwithstanding the confidentiality provisions of any tax laws, any authorized employee of the state treasurer, certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants conducting an audit under this act shall have access to and authority to examine all books, accounts, reports, vouchers, correspondence files and other records, bank accounts and moneys or other property of any local unit excepting any records which were obtained from the United States internal revenue service under the federal state cooperative exchange agreement.

(2) An officer of a local unit upon demand of persons authorized under this act, shall produce all books, accounts, reports, vouchers, correspondence files and other records, bank accounts and moneys or other property of the local unit under audit or investigation and shall truthfully answer all questions related thereto.

(3) The liabilities and penalties provided by all specific confidentiality statutes for divulging confidential information shall be applicable to all persons authorized to make an audit under this act.

History: 1968, Act 2, Imd. Eff. Feb. 20, 1968;--Am. 1971, Act 91, Eff. Mar. 30, 1972.

141.434 Budget; preparation, presentation, and control of expenditures; information; transmitting recommended budget to legislative body; suggested general appropriations act; consideration of recommended budget; furnishing information to legislative body; public hearing.

Sec. 14. (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, charter, resolution, or ordinance, the chief administrative officer shall have final responsibility for budget preparation, presentation of the budget to the legislative body, and the control of expenditures under the budget and the general appropriations act.

(2) Unless another person is designated by charter, the chief administrative officer in each local unit shall prepare the recommended annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year in the manner provided in sections 15 to 20a. The budgetary centers of the local unit shall provide to the chief administrative officer information which the chief administrative officer considers necessary and essential to the preparation of a budget for the ensuing fiscal period for presentation to the local unit's legislative body. Each administrative officer or employee of a budgetary center shall comply promptly with a request for information which the chief administrative officer makes.

(3) The chief administrative officer shall transmit the recommended budget to the legislative body according to an appropriate time schedule developed by the local unit. The schedule shall allow adequate time for review and adoption by the legislative body before commencement of the budget year. The recommended budget, when transmitted by the chief administrative officer, shall be

accompanied by a suggested general appropriations act to implement the budget. The suggested general appropriations act shall fulfill the requirements of section 16.
(4) The recommended budget transmitted by the chief administrative officer shall be considered by the legislative body.
(5) The chief administrative officer shall furnish to the legislative body information the legislative body requires for proper consideration of the recommended budget. Before final passage of a general appropriations act by the legislative body, a public hearing shall be held as required by 1963 (2nd Ex Sess) PA 43, MCL 141.411 to 141.415, and the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.435 Recommended budget; contents; limitation on total estimated expenditures.

Sec. 15. (1) The recommended budget shall include at least the following:
(a) Expenditure data for the most recently completed fiscal year and estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year.
(b) An estimate of the expenditure amounts required to conduct, in the ensuing fiscal year, the government of the local unit, including its budgetary centers.
(c) Revenue data for the most recently completed fiscal year and estimated revenues for the current fiscal year.
(d) An estimate of the revenues, by source of revenue, to be raised or received by the local unit in the ensuing fiscal year.
(e) The amount of surplus or deficit that has accumulated from prior fiscal years, together with an estimate of the amount of surplus or deficit expected in the current fiscal year. The inclusion of the amount of an authorized debt obligation to fund a deficit shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirement of funding the amount of a deficit estimated under this subdivision.
(f) An estimate of the amounts needed for deficiency, contingent, or emergency purposes.
(g) Other data relating to fiscal conditions that the chief administrative officer considers to be useful in considering the financial needs of the local unit.
(2) The total estimated expenditures, including an accrued deficit, in the budget shall not exceed the total estimated revenues, including an available unappropriated surplus and the proceeds from bonds or other obligations issued under the fiscal stabilization act or the balance of the principal of these bonds or other obligations.
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 1981, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.436 General appropriations act; requirements; line items not mandated; taxation; limitation on estimated total expenditure.

Sec. 16. (1) Unless another method for adopting a budget is provided by a charter provision in effect on April 1, 1980, the legislative body of each local unit shall pass a general appropriations act for all funds except trust or agency, internal service, enterprise, debt service or capital project funds for which the legislative body may pass a special appropriation act.
(2) The general appropriations act shall set forth the total number of mills of ad valorem property taxes to be levied and the purposes for which that millage is to be levied. The amendatory act that added this subsection shall be known and may be cited as “the truth in budgeting act”.
(3) The general appropriations act shall set forth the amounts appropriated by the legislative body to defray the expenditures and meet the liabilities of the local unit for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall set forth a statement of estimated revenues, by source, in each fund for the ensuing fiscal year.
(4) The general appropriations act shall be consistent with uniform charts of accounts prescribed by the state treasurer or, for local school districts and intermediate school districts, by the state board of education.
(5) This act shall not be interpreted to mandate the development or adoption by a local unit of a line-item budget or line-item general appropriations act.
(6) The legislative body shall determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation necessary to defray the expenditures and meet the liabilities of the local unit for the ensuing fiscal year, shall order that money to be raised by taxation, within statutory and charter limitations, and shall cause the money raised by taxation to be paid into the funds of the local unit.

(7) Except as otherwise permitted by section 102 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1702, or by other law, the legislative body shall not adopt a general appropriations act or an amendment to that act which causes estimated total expenditures, including an accrued deficit, to exceed total estimated revenues, including an available surplus and the proceeds from bonds or other obligations issued under the fiscal stabilization act, 1981 PA 80, MCL 141.1001 to 141.1011, or the balance of the principal of these bonds or other obligations.

History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 1981, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;--Am. 1981, Act 78, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;--Am. 1995, Act 41, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1995;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.437 General appropriations act; amendment; reports; recommendations.

Sec. 17. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 19, a deviation from the original general appropriations act shall not be made without amending the general appropriations act. Subject to section 16(2), the legislative body of the local unit shall amend the general appropriations act as soon as it becomes apparent that a deviation from the original general appropriations act is necessary and the amount of the deviation can be determined. An amendment shall indicate each intended alteration in the purpose of each appropriation item affected by the amendment. The legislative body may require that the chief administrative officer or fiscal officer provide it with periodic reports on the financial condition of the local unit.

(2) If, during a fiscal year, it appears to the chief administrative officer or to the legislative body that the actual and probable revenues from taxes and other sources in a fund are less than the estimated revenues, including an available surplus upon which appropriations from the fund were based and the proceeds from bonds or other obligations issued under the fiscal stabilization act, 1981 PA 80, MCL 141.1001 to 141.1011, or the balance of the principal of these bonds or other obligations, the chief administrative officer or fiscal officer shall present to the legislative body recommendations which, if adopted, would prevent expenditures from exceeding available revenues for that current fiscal year. The recommendations shall include proposals for reducing appropriations from the fund for budgetary centers in a manner that would cause the total of appropriations to not be greater than the total of revised estimated revenues of the fund, or proposals for measures necessary to provide revenues sufficient to meet expenditures of the fund, or both. The recommendations shall recognize the requirements of state law and the provisions of collective bargaining agreements.

History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 1981, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1981;--Am. 1995, Act 41, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1995;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.438 Incurring debts or obligations; dividing appropriations into allotments; expenditures; application or division of money; restrictions on delegation of duties.

Sec. 18. (1) A member of the legislative body, chief administrative officer, administrative officer, or employee of the local unit shall not create a debt or incur a financial obligation on behalf of the local unit unless the debt or obligation is permitted by law.

(2) The chief administrative officer may cause the appropriations made by the legislative body for the local unit and its budgetary centers to be divided into allotments if the allotments are based upon the periodic requirements of the local unit and its budgetary centers.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in section 19, an administrative officer of the local unit shall not incur expenditures against an appropriation account in excess of the amount appropriated by the legislative body. The chief administrative officer, an administrative officer, or an employee of the local unit shall not apply or divert money of the local unit for purposes inconsistent with those specified in the appropriations of the legislative body.

(4) No duties shall be delegated to the chief administrative officer that diminish any charter or statutory responsibilities of an elected or appointed official.

History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.439 Expenditure of funds; transfers within appropriations.

Sec. 19. (1) A member of the legislative body, the chief administrative officer, an administrative officer, or an employee of a local unit shall not authorize or participate in the expenditure of funds except as authorized by a general appropriations act. An expenditure shall not be incurred except in pursuance of the authority and appropriations of the legislative body of the local unit.

(2) The legislative body in a general appropriations act may permit the chief administrative officer to execute transfers within limits stated in the act between appropriations without the prior approval of the legislative body.
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.440 Violation; filing; report; review and action by attorney general; civil action for recovery of funds and public property.

Sec. 20. A violation of sections 17 to 19 by the chief administrative officer, an administrative officer, employee, or member of the legislative body of the local unit disclosed in an audit of the financial records and accounts of the local unit in the absence of reasonable procedures in use by the local unit to detect such violations shall be filed with the state treasurer and reported by the state treasurer to the attorney general. For local and intermediate school districts, the report of a violation shall be filed with the state superintendent of public instruction instead of the state treasurer. The attorney general shall review the report and initiate appropriate action against the chief administrative officer, fiscal officer, administrative officer, employee, or member of the legislative body. For the use and benefit of the local unit, the attorney general or prosecuting attorney may institute a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for the recovery of funds of a local unit, disclosed by an examination to have been illegally expended or collected as a result of malfeasance and not accounted for as provided in sections 17 to 19, and for the recovery of public property disclosed to have been converted or misappropriated.
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1980;--Am. 2000, Act 493, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 2001.

141.440a Manuals, forms, and operating procedures; training and educational programs.

Sec. 20a. (1) The department of treasury shall publish suggested manuals, forms, and operating procedures which may be used by local units in complying with this act. These manuals, forms, and procedures shall be designed to account for the various kinds and sizes of local units, except that the suggested manuals, forms, and operating procedures which may be used by intermediate school districts and local school districts shall be developed by the superintendent of public instruction and shall be promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(2) The suggested manuals, forms, and operating procedures described in subsection (1) shall be developed by an advisory committee selected by the department of treasury composed of persons from the department of education, other interested state agencies, local units, associations of local units, and other interested or concerned groups.
(3) The department of treasury shall provide or cooperate in the provision of training and educational programs to assist local units to comply with this act.
History: Add. 1978, Act 621, Eff. Apr. 1, 1979.

REVISED MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT

Act 34 of 2001

AN ACT relative to the borrowing of money and the issuance of certain debt and securities; to provide for tax levies and sinking funds; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments, state agencies, officials, and employees; to impose certain duties, requirements, and filing fees upon political subdivisions of this state; to authorize the issuance of certain debt and securities; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

PART I

DEFINITIONS

141.2101 Short title.

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "revised municipal finance act".

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2103 Definitions.

Sec. 103. As used in this act:

(a) "Assessed value", "assessed valuation", "valuation as assessed", and "valuation as shown by the last preceding tax assessment roll", or similar terms, used in this act, any statute, or charter as a basis for computing limitations upon the taxing or borrowing power of any municipality, mean the state equalized valuation as determined under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.

(b) "Chief administrative officer" means that term as defined in section 2b of the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.422b.

(c) "Debt" means all borrowed money, loans, and other indebtedness, including principal and interest, evidenced by bonds, obligations, refunding obligations, notes, contracts, securities, refunding securities, municipal securities, or certificates of indebtedness that are lawfully issued or assumed, in whole or in part, by a municipality, or will be evidenced by a judgment or decree against the municipality.

(d) "Debt retirement fund" means a segregated account or group of accounts used to account for the payment of, interest on, or principal and interest on a municipal security.

(e) "Deficit" means a situation for any fund of a municipality in which, at the end of a fiscal year, total expenditures, including an accrued deficit, exceeded total revenues for the fiscal year, including any surplus carried forward.

(f) "Department" means the department of treasury.

(g) "Fiscal year" means a 12-month period fixed by statute, charter, or ordinance, or if not so fixed, then as determined by the department.

(h) "Governing body" means the county board of commissioners of a county; the township board of a township; the council, common council, or commission of a city; the council, commission, or board of trustees of a village; the board of education or district board of a school district; the board of an intermediate school district; the board of trustees of a community college district; the county drain commissioner or drainage board of a drainage district; the board of the district library; the legislative body of a metropolitan district; the port commission of a port district; and, in the case of another governmental authority or agency, that official or official body having general governing powers over the authority or agency.

(i) "Municipal security" means a security that when issued was not exempt from this act or the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, by the provisions of this act or by the

provisions of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, or by the provisions of the law authorizing its issuance and that is payable from or secured by any of the following:

(i) Ad valorem real and personal property taxes.

(ii) Special assessments.

(iii) The limited or unlimited full faith and credit pledge of the municipality.

(iv) Other sources of revenue described in this act for debt or securities authorized by this act.

(j) "Municipality" means a county, township, city, village, school district, intermediate school district, community college district, metropolitan district, port district, drainage district, district library, or another governmental authority or agency in this state that has the power to issue a security. Municipality does not include this state or any authority, agency, fund, commission, board, or department of this state.

(k) "Outstanding security" means a security that has been issued, but not defeased or repaid, including a security that when issued was exempt from this act or the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, by the provisions of this act or by the provisions of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, or by the provisions of the law authorizing its issuance.

(l) "Qualified status" means a municipality that has filed a qualifying statement under section 303 and has been determined by the department to be qualified to issue municipal securities without further approval by the department.

(m) "Refunding security" means a municipal security issued to refund an outstanding security.

(n) "Security" means an evidence of debt such as a bond, note, contract, obligation, refunding obligation, certificate of indebtedness, or other similar instrument issued by a municipality, which pledges payment of the debt by the municipality from an identified source of revenue.

(o) "Sinking fund" means a fund for the payment of principal only of a mandatory redemption security.

(p) "Taxable value" means the taxable value of the property as determined under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2105 Municipal security; limitations.

Sec. 105. A municipal security does not include any of the following:

(a) A contract for the purchase of real or personal property.

(b) A contract for the lease of real or personal property with or without an option to purchase.

(c) A contract, lease, note, or other security given in connection with a contract described in subdivision (a) or (b).

(d) A security that is evidence of an emergency loan under section 1 of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.141, in conjunction with the emergency municipal loan act, 1980 PA 243, MCL 141.931 to 141.942, or qualified agricultural loans under section 2a of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.142a.

(e) A mortgage secured by real property and its corresponding security to the extent secured by the mortgage.

(f) A contract between 1 or more municipalities under whose terms 1 or more municipalities pledge their revenues or full faith and credit to secure payment of a proposed municipal security issued by 1 of the municipalities.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

PART II

POWERS

141.2201 Powers and duties of department.

Sec. 201. The department is authorized and directed to protect the credit of this state and its municipalities, and to enforce the provisions of this act, and has the following general powers:

(a) To aid, advise, and consult with any municipality with respect to fiscal questions arising from and relating to its proposed or outstanding securities.

(b) To issue bulletins or adopt rules as necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. A bulletin issued under this subdivision shall include a statement of the department's specific statutory authority for any substantive requirement contained within the bulletin. A rule adopted under this subdivision

shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
(c) To examine the books and records of any municipality for the purpose of ascertaining if the municipality is complying with the requirements of the department, the statutes of this state, and its charter, ordinances, and resolutions, in relation to its municipal securities. For those purposes, it may require sworn statements from any officer or employee of the municipality or may require the municipality to furnish it with a statement of its financial condition. The department has full power in furtherance of its investigations to examine witnesses under oath and compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the production of books, papers, and records. Witnesses may be summoned by the department by its process upon the payment of the same fees as are allowed to witnesses attending in the circuit court of the county in which the hearing is held. Any person duly subpoenaed under this section who neglects to attend or testify at the place named in the subpoena, served for that purpose, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
(d) To enforce compliance with any provision of this act or with any provisions of any law, charter, ordinance, or resolution with respect to debts or securities subject to its jurisdiction, including the levy and collection of taxes and the segregation, safekeeping, investment, and application of money for the payment of debt. The department may institute appropriate proceedings in the courts of this state, including those for a writ of mandamus and injunctive relief.
(e) To render financial advisory, paying agent, registration, and transfer services and materials, including assistance in the preparation and issuance of a municipality's municipal securities; prepare explanatory manuals; conduct training seminars; and, upon request of the municipality, assist a municipality in issuing its municipal securities under this act. The department may impose a fee upon municipalities requesting its services or materials, which fee shall be limited to the cost incurred by the department in providing the service. The paying agent, registration, and transfer services authorized by this subdivision, if requested by a municipality, shall be performed solely by the department with respect to the requesting municipalities.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2203 Appeal of department determination.

Sec. 203. If a municipality feels aggrieved by a determination of the department, it may notify the department and appeal the determination of the department as a contested case pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328. This section does not permit the issuance, amendment, or modification of any order or determination of the department in respect to the issuance of a municipal security, after the municipal security has been issued, if that action would affect the municipal security interests of the holders of the municipal security adversely.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

PART III

GENERAL

141.2301 Issuance of municipal security.

Sec. 301. A municipality shall not issue a municipal security except in accordance with this act.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2303 Annual audit report and qualifying statement; filing by municipality; compliance requirements; determination; correction of noncompliant requirements; reconsideration; order granting exception from prior approval.

Sec. 303. (1) Each municipality shall file an audit report annually with the department within 6 months from the end of its fiscal year or as otherwise provided in the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a.
(2) Accompanying the audit report described in subsection (1), a municipality shall file a qualifying statement, on a form and in the manner provided by the department, which shall be certified by the chief administrative officer. Within 30 business days of the receipt of the qualifying statement, the department shall determine if the municipality complies with the requirements of subsection (3). If the department determines that the municipality complies with the provisions of subsection (3) or if the department fails to notify the municipality of its determination under this subsection within 30

business days of receipt of the qualifying statement, the municipality may proceed to issue municipal securities under this act without further approval from the department until 30 business days after the next qualifying statement is due or a new determination is made by the department, whichever occurs first.

(3) To qualify to issue municipal securities without further approval from the department, the municipality shall be in material compliance with all of the following requirements, as determined by the department:

(a) The municipality is not operating under the provisions of the local government fiscal responsibility act, 1990 PA 72, MCL 141.1201 to 141.1291.

(b) The municipality did not issue securities in the immediately preceding 5 fiscal years or current fiscal year that were authorized by either the emergency municipal loan act, 1980 PA 243, MCL 141.931 to 141.942, other than a security issued for a loan authorized under section 3(2)(a) of the emergency municipal loan act, 1980 PA 243, MCL 141.933, or the fiscal stabilization act, 1981 PA 80, MCL 141.1001 to 141.1011.

(c) The municipality was not required by the terms of a court order or judgment to levy a tax in the preceding fiscal year. For purposes of this subdivision, the department may determine that a court order or judgment to levy a tax is not material if it did not have an adverse financial impact on the municipality.

(d) The most recent audit report, as required by the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a, was filed with the department within 6 months from the end of the fiscal year of the municipality.

(e) The debt retirement fund balance for any municipal security that is funded from an unlimited tax levy does not exceed 150% of the amount required for principal and interest payments due for that municipal security in the next fiscal year.

(f) The municipality is not currently exceeding its statutory or constitutional debt limits.

(g) The municipality has no outstanding securities that were not authorized by statute.

(h) The municipality is not currently and during the preceding fiscal year was not in violation of any provisions in the covenants for an outstanding security.

(i) The municipality was not delinquent more than 1 time in the preceding fiscal year in transferring employee taxes withheld to the appropriate agency, transferring taxes collected as agent for another taxing entity to that taxing unit, or making all required pension, retirement, or benefit plan contributions.

(j) The most recent delinquent property taxes of the municipality, without regard to payments received from the county under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, did not exceed 18% of the amount levied.

(k) The municipality did not submit a qualifying statement or an application for any other municipal security in the preceding 12 months that was materially false or incorrect.

(l) The municipality is not in default on the payment of any debt, excluding industrial development revenue bonds issued under the industrial development revenue bond act of 1963, 1963 PA 62, MCL 125.1251 to 125.1267, economic development corporation bonds issued under the economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL 125.1601 to 125.1636, bonds issued by a local hospital finance authority for a private hospital under the hospital finance authority act, 1969 PA 38, MCL 331.31 to 331.84, or any other debt for which the municipality is not financially liable.

(m) The municipality did not end the immediately preceding fiscal year with a deficit in any fund, unless the municipality has filed a financial plan to correct that deficit condition that is acceptable to the department.

(n) The municipality has not been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of any finance or tax-related state or federal statutes during the preceding fiscal year.

(o) The municipality has not been determined by the department to be in violation of this act during the preceding fiscal year.

(p) The municipality did not issue a refunding security in the preceding fiscal year to avoid a potential default on an outstanding security.

(4) If a municipality is notified within 30 business days of the filing of the qualifying statement that it does not comply with 1 or more of the requirements of subsection (3), the municipality may correct

the noncompliant requirements and request a reconsideration of the determination from the department as provided in subsection (5).
(5) A municipality may request a reconsideration of the determination from the department. That request shall indicate the requirements that the department determined the municipality to be not in compliance with and the action taken by the municipality to correct the noncompliance. Within 30 business days of the receipt of the request for reconsideration, the department shall determine if the municipality complies with the requirements of subsection (3) or, if the department fails to notify the municipality of its determination under this subsection within 30 business days of receipt of the request for reconsideration, the municipality will be granted qualified status.
(6) If a municipality is notified within 30 business days after filing a request for reconsideration that it does not comply with the requirements of subsection (3), the municipality shall not issue municipal securities under this act without the prior written approval of the department to issue a municipal security as provided in subsections (7) and (8).
(7) If a municipality has not been granted qualified status, the municipality must obtain, for each municipal security, the prior written approval of the department to issue a municipal security. To request prior written approval to issue a municipal security, the municipality shall submit an application and supporting documentation to the department on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department, which shall be certified by the chief administrative officer. A filing fee equal to 0.03% of the principal amount of the municipal security to be issued, but not less than $800.00 and not greater than $2,000.00 as determined by the department, shall accompany each application. If the qualifying statement required by subsection (2) was received by the department more than 6 months after the end of the municipality's fiscal year, a late fee of $100.00 shall accompany the first application filed after that date. Within 30 business days of receiving an application, the fee, and supporting documentation from a municipality, the department shall make a determination whether the municipality has met all of the following requirements:
(a) Has indicated the authority to issue the municipal security requested.
(b) Is projected to be able to repay the municipal security when due.
(c) Has filed information with the department indicating compliance with the requirements of subsection (3) or adequately addressed any noncompliance with subsection (3) as determined by the department.
(d) If required by the department, has obtained an investment grade rating for the municipal security or has purchased insurance for payment of the principal and interest on the municipal security to the holders of the municipal security, or has otherwise enhanced the creditworthiness of the municipal security.
(8) If the department determines that the requirements in subsection (7) have been met, the department shall approve the issuance of the proposed municipal security. If the department determines that the requirements in subsection (7) have not been met, the department shall issue a notice of deficiency to the municipality that prevents the issuance of the proposed municipal security. The notice of deficiency shall state the specific deficiencies and problems with the proposed issuance. After the deficiencies and problems have been addressed as determined by the department, the department shall approve the issuance of the proposed municipal security.
(9) A determination by the department that a municipality has been granted qualified status constitutes an order granting exception from prior approval under former 1943 PA 202, of that municipality's securities.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

141.2304 Issuance of municipal security; provisions applicable to contracting municipalities.
Sec. 304. If a municipality issues a municipal security subject to this act and the principal and interest for that municipal security will be paid by 1 or more municipalities not issuing the municipal security under a contract, then 1 of the following applies:
(a) If all of the municipalities contracting to pay the municipal security have been granted qualified status, then the issuance of the municipal security is subject to section 303(2).
(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), if 1 or more of the municipalities contracting to pay the municipal security have not been granted qualified status, then the issuance of the municipal security is subject to section 303(7).

(c) If 1 or more of the municipalities contracting to pay the municipal security have not been granted qualified status and the other municipalities representing over 50% of the contractual obligation have been granted qualified status and the municipality that issues the municipal security has been granted qualified status and pledges its full faith and credit on the municipal security, then the issuance of the municipal security is subject to section 303(2).
History: Add. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

141.2305 Issuance of municipal security; interest rate; sale at discount; rating; maturity; principal as interest.

Sec. 305. (1) A municipal security authorized by law to be issued by a municipality may, notwithstanding the provisions of a charter, bear no interest as provided in this section or a rate of interest not to exceed a maximum rate established by the governing body of the issuing municipality as set forth in its resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of the municipal security, which rate shall not exceed 18% per annum or a per annum rate determined by the department at the request of the municipality, whichever is higher. In making its determination, the department shall establish a rate that shall bear a reasonable relationship to 80% of the adjusted prime rate determined by the department under section 23 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the rate determined by the department shall be conclusive as to the maximum rate of interest permitted for a municipal security issued under this act.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a municipal security issued under this act shall not be sold at a discount exceeding 10% of the principal amount of the municipal security. The amortization of the discount shall be considered interest and shall be within the interest rate limitation set forth in subsection (1).

(3) A municipal security may be sold at a discount exceeding 10% of the principal amount of the municipal security only if 1 or more of the following conditions apply, as determined by the department:

(a) The sale will result in the more even distribution for the municipality of total debt service on proposed and outstanding municipal securities.

(b) The sale will result in an interest cost savings when compared to the best available alternative that does not include a municipal security being sold at a discount exceeding 10% of the principal amount.

(c) The issuance is based on the availability of specific revenues previously pledged for another purpose and lawfully available for this purpose.

(d) The municipal security is issued to this state or the federal government to secure a loan or agreement.

(4) A municipal security issued in accordance with subsection (3)(a), (b), or (c) shall be rated investment grade by a nationally recognized rating agency or have insurance for payment of the principal and interest on the municipal security to the holders of the municipal security.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a municipal security meeting the requirements of subsection (3) that is a refunding security shall not have a maturity that exceeds the maturity of the existing municipal security.

(6) Not more than 25% of the total principal amount of any authorized issue of a municipal security shall meet the qualifications under subsection (3)(a), (b), and (c).

(7) A municipal security may bear no interest if sold in accordance with a federal program by which the holder of the municipal security, as a result of holding the municipal security, may declare a credit against a federal tax.

(8) A municipal security may bear no interest and appreciate as to principal amount if it meets the requirements of subsections (3), (4), and (6). The accreted principal amount of a municipal security shall be considered interest and shall be within the interest rate limitations provided in subsection (1).
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2307 Proposed bulletin; public comment period.

Sec. 307. Before any bulletin issued by the department can take effect that addresses the filings, approvals, or determinations under section 303, or any modification of an existing bulletin that addresses the filings, approvals, or determinations under section 303, the department shall issue the bulletin or modification as a proposed bulletin with not less than a 30-day public comment period.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2308 Limited tax full faith and credit pledge; notice.

Sec. 308. If a municipality issues a municipal security that contains the limited tax full faith and credit pledge of the municipality after October 1, 2002, a notice of at least 1 meeting at which a decision will be made or discussed with respect to the issuance of the municipal security shall contain a statement that the proposed municipal security will contain a limited tax full faith and credit pledge of the municipality. This section does not apply to a refunding security, short-term municipal security issued under part 4, or a municipal security for which the municipality is required to provide a notice of the right of referendum by law or charter.

History: Add. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

141.2309 Sale of municipal security at competitive or negotiated sale; requirements.

Sec. 309. (1) A municipality may sell an authorized municipal security at a competitive sale or a negotiated sale as determined in the authorizing resolution. If a municipality determines to sell a municipal security at a negotiated sale, the governing body shall expressly state the method and reasons for choosing a negotiated sale instead of a competitive sale in the resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance or sale of the municipal security.

(2) If a municipality determines to sell a municipal security at a competitive sale, the municipality shall publish a notice of sale at least 7 days before the date set for the sale, in a publication printed in the English language and circulated in this state that carries as a part of its regular service the notices of the sale of municipal securities.

(3) A municipality shall award a municipal security sold at a competitive sale to the bidder whose bid meets all specifications and requirements and results in the lowest interest cost to the municipality, unless all bids are rejected.

(4) A municipality may accept bids for the purchase of a municipal security made in person, by mail, by facsimile, by electronic means, or by any other means authorized by the municipality.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2311 Municipal security; registration; facsimile signatures; transfer of ownership; delivery; validity of signature of former officer.

Sec. 311. (1) A municipal security may be registrable as to principal alone or as to both principal and interest under terms and conditions determined by the governing body of the issuing municipality.

(2) A municipality may authorize a trustee or other authenticating agent to authenticate any municipal security executed by the facsimile signatures of the officials of the municipality in lieu of manual signatures of the officials of the issuing municipality.

(3) Officials of a municipality may sign and seal a municipal security in facsimile form if so authorized by the governing body of the issuing municipality.

(4) If authorized by the governing body of the issuing municipality, ownership of a municipal security may be transferred by means of a recorded entry in a record maintained by the issuing municipality, trustee, or other agent in lieu of printing and transferring a new municipal security. However, this subsection does not preclude a municipality from the delivery of, and a municipality shall have the authority to deliver, new municipal securities as evidence of the originally issued municipal security.

(5) If an individual acting in an official capacity signs or affixes his or her signature to a municipal security under this act and that individual ceases to be an officer before delivery of the municipal security, the municipal security is valid the same as if the individual had remained in office until delivery of that municipal security.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2319 Document to be filed by municipality; failure to comply with subsection (1) or (2).

Sec. 319. (1) Within 15 business days of completing the issuance of any municipal security qualified under section 303(3), the municipality shall file a copy of all of the following with the department in a form and manner prescribed by the department:

(a) A copy of the municipal security.

(b) A proof of publication of the notice of sale, if applicable.

(c) A copy of the award resolution or certificate of award including a detail of the annual interest rate and call features on the municipal security.

(d) A copy of the legal opinion regarding the legality and tax status of the municipal security.

(e) A copy of the notice of rating of the municipal security received from a recognized rating agency, if any.
(f) A copy of the resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of the municipal security.
(g) A copy of the official statement, if any.
(h) For a refunding security, documentation indicating compliance with section 611.
(i) A filing fee equaling 0.02% of the principal amount of the municipal security issued, but in an amount not less than $100.00 and not greater than $1,000.00, as determined by the department.
(j) If the qualifying statement required by section 303(2) was received by the department more than 6 months after the end of the municipality's fiscal year, a late fee of $100.00 with the first filing thereafter.
(k) For a municipal security issued under section 305(2), documentation indicating compliance with section 305(2).

(2) Within 15 business days of completing the issuance of any municipal security approved under section 303(7), the municipality shall file all of the following with the department in a form and manner prescribed by the department:
(a) A copy of the municipal security.
(b) A proof of publication of the notice of sale, if applicable.
(c) A copy of the award resolution including a detail of the annual interest rate and call features on the municipal security.
(d) A copy of the legal opinion regarding the legality and tax status of the municipal security.
(e) A copy of the notice of rating of the municipal security received from a recognized rating agency, if any.
(f) A copy of the resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of the municipal security.
(g) A copy of the official statement, if any.
(h) For a refunding security, documentation indicating compliance with section 611.
(i) For a municipal security issued under section 305(2), documentation indicating compliance with section 305(2).

(3) The failure to comply with subsection (1) or (2) does not invalidate any of the securities issued or reported under this act.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

141.2321 Filing in electronic format.
Sec. 321. The department may require that the filings to the department required by this act be filed in an electronic format prescribed by the department.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2323 Municipal security issued without department approval; rating.
Sec. 323. The department may require a rating for a municipal security issued without approval of the department as provided in section 303(3) if the principal amount of the municipal security exceeds $5,000,000.00.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

PART IV

SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL SECURITIES

141.2401 Short-term municipal securities; issuance; conditions; public airport authority.
Sec. 401. (1) A municipality may, by resolution of its governing body, and without a vote of the electors, issue short-term municipal securities in anticipation of and payable from taxes to be collected by the municipality for its then next succeeding fiscal year or the taxes for a current fiscal year, or if the taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year and the taxes for the current fiscal year are both levied in the same calendar year, then in anticipation of and payable from the collection of both of the taxes.
(2) By resolution of its governing body and without a vote of the electors, an authority organized under 1957 PA 206, MCL 259.621 to 259.631, or a public airport authority created or incorporated under the public airport authority act, chapter VIA of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan,

1945 PA 327, MCL 259.108 to 259.125c, may borrow money and issue short-term municipal securities maturing not more than 1 year from the date of issue in anticipation of the collection of revenues to which it will be entitled to receive within 1 year from the date of the short-term municipal securities' issuance. The amount of the short-term municipal securities issued under this section shall not exceed 50% of the revenues collected in the preceding fiscal year not pledged for the payment of a security other than a short-term municipal security issued under this section as conclusively certified by the governing body of the authority. The resolution shall provide for the pledging of all or a portion of the revenues of the authority not previously pledged for the payment of a security. The resolution may also provide for the pledging of other assets of the authority as additional security for the payment of the short-term municipal security. The resolution also shall provide that from the receipts of the revenues in anticipation of which the authority issued the short-term municipal security, there shall be set aside in a special fund to be used for the payment of principal and interest on the short-term municipal security a portion of each dollar received that is not less than 125% of the percentage that the principal amount of the short-term municipal security bears to the amount certified as the revenues estimated to be collected, until the amount set aside is sufficient for the payment of principal and interest on the short-term municipal security. The amount set aside shall be used only for the payment of the principal and interest on the short-term municipal security until the short-term municipal security is paid as to both principal and interest. Except when in conflict with the requirements of section 9 of 1957 PA 206, MCL 259.629, the short-term municipal securities authorized under this subsection are subject to this act.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

141.2403 Resolution authorizing municipal security; tax levy provision; operating expenditures; limitation; set aside of taxes collected; tax installments; capital improvements; debt service charges.

Sec. 403. (1) If a municipality issues a municipal security in anticipation of the collection of the taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year, the resolution authorizing a municipal security shall contain an irrevocable provision for the levying of a tax in the next succeeding fiscal year for the purpose for which the municipal security is to be made and the repayment of the municipal security from the receipt of taxes.

(2) A municipality may issue the short-term municipal security described in subsection (1) to pay for operating expenditures. As used in this section, “operating expenditures” means 1 or more of the following:

(a) Necessary operating expenditures of the municipality that could not reasonably have been foreseen and adequately provided for in the tax levy for the then current fiscal year.

(b) Payment of an expenditure in the then current fiscal year that cannot be funded because of a delay in or failure of receipt of budgeted revenue.

(c) Payment of budgeted expenditures in the then current fiscal year that precede budgeted revenues.

(3) The amount of the municipal securities issued under this section to pay operating expenditures shall not exceed 50% of the operating tax levy for the current fiscal year, or if the operating tax levy for the next succeeding fiscal year is determined, then 50% of the levy for the next succeeding fiscal year. The authorizing resolution shall provide that from the first collections of the operating taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year, there shall be set aside in a special fund to be used for the payment of principal and interest on the tax anticipation municipal security, a portion of each dollar that is not less than 125% of the percentage that the principal amount of the municipal security bears to the amount of the operating taxes until the amount set aside is sufficient for the payment. If a municipality collects its taxes in installments and issues a municipal security in anticipation of more than 1 installment, the requirements of the preceding sentence shall apply to each installment of taxes. The collection of the taxes to be set aside shall not be used for any other purpose. If the municipality determines that issuing municipal securities for this purpose will result in a deficiency in the funds available to pay the necessary operating expenditures of the next succeeding fiscal year, the municipality shall levy additional taxes in the future from within constitutional, charter, and statutory limits to prevent a continuation of the deficiency from year to year.

(4) A municipality may issue a short-term municipal security described in subsection (1) to pay for 1 or more capital improvements that can be legally and properly provided for in the budget of the municipality for the fiscal year in which the municipality issues the short-term municipal security.

The principal amount of the municipal security issued for this purpose shall not exceed the sum set forth in the authorizing resolution to be levied for the improvement. The authorizing resolution shall provide that from the first collection of taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year, there shall be set aside in a special fund to be used for the payment of principal and interest on the short-term municipal security that percentage of the collection that the tax levied for capital outlay bears to the total levy, and until the amount set aside is sufficient for the payment, collection of the taxes to be set aside shall not be used for any other purpose.

(5) A municipality may issue the short-term municipal security described in subsection (1) to pay debt service charges or obligations on municipal securities or agreements described in section 317(5).

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 500, Imd. Eff. July 3, 2002.

PART V

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL SECURITIES

141.2501 Maturity time periods.

Sec. 501. (1) Except as otherwise provided for by law, or as otherwise provided in part VI, a municipal security issued by a municipality under this act shall not mature later than the estimated period of usefulness of the property or improvement for which the municipal security is issued.

(2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), a municipal security shall not mature later than the following time periods:

(a) A municipal security issued in anticipation of special assessments shall mature no later than 2 years after the time fixed by law for the payment of the last installment of the assessments from which the municipal security is payable.

(b) A municipal security issued to meet an emergency for relief from fire, flood, or other calamity shall mature no later than 5 years after the date of issuance.

(c) A municipal security issued to pay judgments against the municipality, except judgments in condemnation proceedings, and municipal securities issued for the purchase of personal property, other than material for permanent construction, machinery for public utilities, or original furnishings and equipment of new buildings, shall mature no later than 10 years after the date of issuance.

(d) All other municipal securities shall mature no later than 30 years after the date of issuance.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2503 Municipal securities of a single issue; maturity or redemption date; purchase at open market; redemption requirements; municipal securities of school district.

Sec. 503. (1) Municipal securities of a single issue may mature serially or be subject to mandatory redemptions, or both, with maturities as fixed by the governing body of the municipality. In any case, the first maturity or mandatory redemption date shall occur not later than 5 years after the date of issuance, and the total principal amount maturing or subject to mandatory redemption in any year after 4 years from the date of issuance shall not be less than 1/5 of the total principal amount maturing or subject to mandatory redemption in any subsequent year.

(2) In the resolution authorizing the issuance of a municipal security, the governing body of the municipality may provide that the municipality may purchase municipal securities in the open market at a price not greater than that payable on the next redemption date in order to satisfy all or part of the next succeeding scheduled mandatory redemption.

(3) The governing body of the municipality may provide that some or all of the principal amounts maturing in any year may be redeemed at the option of the municipality at the times, on the terms and conditions, and at the price as provided by resolution of the governing body, except that a municipality shall not agree to pay a premium exceeding 3% of the principal amount being redeemed.

(4) All outstanding and authorized municipal securities of a school district payable out of taxes may be treated as a single issue for the purpose of fixing maturities. Several series of municipal securities issued under the same authorization may be treated as a single issue for the purpose of fixing maturities.

(5) A municipal security issued by a school district that is sold in accordance with a federal program in which the holder of the municipal security, as a result of holding the municipal security, may

declare a credit against a federal tax is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) if the school district deposits in trust payments to provide for the repayment of the municipal security and the first required payment shall occur not later than 5 years after the date of issuance and each required payment in any year after 4 years from the date of issuance shall not be less than 1/5 of the total required payment in any subsequent year.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

PART VI

REFUNDING

141.2601 Issuance of refunding securities.

Sec. 601. (1) Subject to this act, a municipality may, by resolution or ordinance adopted by its governing body and without a vote of its electors, refund all or any part of its outstanding securities by issuing refunding securities as described in this part.
(2) A municipality may issue a refunding security whether the outstanding security to be refunded has or has not matured, is or is not redeemable on the date of issuance of the refunding security, exceeds the original estimated period of usefulness but not to exceed the current period of usefulness as determined by the project engineer or architect, or is or is not subject to redemption before maturity.
(3) A refunding security may be issued in a principal amount greater than the principal amount of the outstanding securities to be refunded as necessary to effect the refunding under the refunding plan.
(4) A municipality may use the proceeds of a refunding security to pay interest accrued, or to accrue, to the earliest or any subsequent date of redemption, purchase, or maturity of the outstanding security to be refunded, redemption premium, if any, and any commission, service fee, and other expense necessary to be paid in connection with the outstanding security to be refunded. A municipality may also use the proceeds of a refunding security to pay part of the cost of issuance of the refunding security, interest on the refunding security, a reserve for the payment of principal, interest, and redemption premiums on the refunding security, and other necessary incidental expenses, including, but not limited to, placement fees and fees or charges for insurance, letters of credit, lines of credit, or commitments to purchase the outstanding security to be refunded.
(5) A municipality may invest the proceeds of a refunding security as provided in section 607(2).
(6) To the extent provided by the proceedings authorizing the refunding security, principal, interest, and redemption premiums on the refunding security shall be secured by and payable from any or all of the following sources:
(a) Taxes or special assessments pledged for payment of a municipal security being refunded.
(b) The proceeds of the refunding security.
(c) The reserve, if any, established for the payment of the principal, interest, and redemption premiums on, the refunding security or the outstanding security to be refunded.
(d) The proceeds of any insurance, letter of credit, or line of credit acquired as security for the refunding security.
(e) The proceeds of any refunding securities issued to refund the refunding security.
(f) Revenues pledged for the outstanding security being refunded.
(g) Investment earnings or profits on any of the sources described in subdivisions (a) to (f).
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2605 Debt as additional to statutory or charter limitation of tax rate or outstanding debt limit.

Sec. 605. The debt evidenced by a refunding security and the tax levies used to repay the refunding security shall not be deemed to be within any statutory or charter limitation of tax rate or of outstanding debt limit, but shall be deemed to be authorized in addition to any statutory or charter limitation of tax rate or outstanding debt limit.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2607 Application of refunding security proceeds and available money.

Sec. 607. (1) Money on hand applicable to the retirement of outstanding securities to be refunded, or from proceeds of revenues pledged for these purposes, or both, shall be applied as provided in the authorizing resolution.

(2) The proceeds of a refunding security and other available money may be applied to payment of the principal, interest, or redemption premiums, if any, on the refunded outstanding securities at maturity or on any prior redemption date or may be deposited in trust for use to purchase and deposit in trust direct obligations of the United States, direct noncallable and nonprepayable obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States government as to full and timely payment of principal and interest, noncallable and nonprepayable coupons from the above obligations that are stripped pursuant to United States treasury programs, and resolution funding corporation bonds and strips, the principal and interest on which when due, together with other available money, will provide funds sufficient to pay principal, interest, and redemption premiums, if any, on the refunded outstanding securities as the refunded outstanding securities become due, whether by maturity or on a prior redemption date, as provided in the authorizing resolution.
(3) The pledge and covenants of a municipality related to refunded outstanding securities for which the municipality has deposited in trust proceeds of a refunding security and other available money as described in subsection (2) is considered to have been fully and legally performed and defeased.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2611 Refund of outstanding securities by issuance of refunding security; prohibition; exception; procedures; reasonable basis.

Sec. 611. (1) Except as provided in section 515 or subsection (2), a municipality shall not refund all or any part of its outstanding securities by issuing a refunding security unless the net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the refunding security, including the cost of issuance, and taking into account an agreement entered into pursuant to section 317, is less than the net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the outstanding security being refunded as calculated using a method approved by the department. However, when a municipality is issuing refunding securities for outstanding variable interest rate securities, as determined by the department the net present value calculation shall use the appropriate current fixed interest rate and the fixed interest rate that would have been available for the outstanding variable interest rate securities when originally issued if the outstanding variable interest rate securities had been issued as fixed interest rate securities or shall use another procedure determined by the department.
(2) A municipality may, under procedures established by the department, obtain an exception from the requirements of subsection (1) if the department determines a reasonable basis for that exception exists. As used in this subsection, reasonable basis means 1 or more of the following:
(a) The refunding is required by a state or federal agency.
(b) The refunding is necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements of ordinances or covenants applicable to the existing outstanding security.
(c) The refunding is necessary to avoid a potential default on an outstanding security.
(d) The refunding of a short-term municipal security issued under section 413.
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 500, Imd. Eff. July 3, 2002.

141.2613 Refunding securities; effect of § 141.2503.

Sec. 613. Refunding securities are not subject to section 503(1), (2), and (3).
History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

PART VII

TAX LEVIES, DEBT RETIREMENT, AND SINKING FUND

141.2701 Annual tax levy; determination; limitation not applicable; adjustment in event of surplus funds; use of money remaining in debt retirement fund; priority; set aside of tax collections allocable to principal and interest payment; failure of officer to perform duties; "tax levy" defined.

Sec. 701. (1) Subject to subsection (3), if a municipality has municipal securities outstanding, or with the approval of its electors has authorized the issuance of municipal securities to be paid from collections of its next tax levy, an officer or official body charged with a duty in connection with the

determination of the amount of the next taxes to be raised or with the levying of the next taxes, shall include all of the following in the amount of taxes levied each year:

(a) An amount such that the estimated collections will be sufficient to promptly pay, when due, the interest on all municipal securities and the portion of the principal falling due whether by maturity or by mandatory redemption before the time of the following year's tax collection.

(b) An amount, if there are outstanding mandatory redemption refunding securities, sufficient to provide the sum required to be deposited, by the ordinance or resolution authorizing the issue, into the sinking fund for that purpose before the time of the following year's tax collection.

(c) An amount, if there are outstanding mandatory redemption municipal securities other than refunding securities not required to be redeemed in annual amounts before the maturity of the outstanding mandatory redemption municipal securities, that if deposited annually into a sinking fund will, with the existing sinking fund pertaining to the municipal securities and the increment of the municipal securities, be sufficient to pay the municipal securities at maturity.

(d) An amount necessary to pay debt service charges or obligations on municipal securities or agreements described in section 317(5) falling due in the immediately preceding fiscal year, to the extent that the tax levy in the preceding fiscal year was inadequate to pay, when due, the debt service charges or obligations on municipal securities or agreements described in section 317(5).

The municipality shall do 1 or more of the following with the proceeds of the tax levy:

(i) Deposit in the debt retirement fund established for the municipal securities and used to pay debt service charges or obligations on municipal securities or agreements described in section 317(5).

(ii) Use to pay debt service on short-term municipal securities issued under section 403(5).

(iii) Use to reimburse the municipality for any advances of funds used for the purposes described in subparagraph (i) or (ii).

(2) Subsection (1) does not limit the amount required to be levied in a year for the purposes prescribed in that subsection, by the terms of an ordinance or resolution authorizing the issuance of the municipal securities.

(3) If the municipal securities were authorized or issued before December 23, 1978, or were approved by the electors of a municipality, the municipality shall levy the full amount of taxes required by this section for the payment of the municipal securities without limitation as to rate or amount and in addition to other taxes that the municipality may be authorized to levy. If the municipal securities were authorized or issued by a municipality after December 22, 1978, and were not approved by the electors of the municipality, the municipality shall set aside each year from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes as required by this section as a first budget obligation for the payment of the municipal securities. However, the ad valorem taxes shall be subject to applicable charter, statutory, or constitutional rate limitations.

(4) If there is surplus money on hand for the payment of principal or interest at the time of making an annual tax levy, and provision has not been made in the authorizing resolution for the disposition of that money, the annual levy for principal or interest shall be adjusted to reflect available funds.

(5) Money remaining in a debt retirement fund from the levy of a tax or an account within a debt retirement fund from the levy of a tax after the retirement of all municipal securities payable from that fund shall be used in the following order of priority:

(a) To pay other outstanding unlimited tax full faith and credit municipal securities.

(b) To pay other outstanding limited tax full faith and credit municipal securities.

(c) To be deposited in the general fund of the municipality.

(6) As taxes are collected, there shall be set aside that portion of the collections that is allocable to the payment of the principal and interest on the municipal securities. The portion set aside shall be divided pro rata among the various sinking funds and debt retirement funds in accordance with the amount levied for that purpose. Tax collections paid into a debt retirement fund, if the fund is for the payment of more than 1 issue of municipal securities, shall be allocated on the books and records of the municipality between the various issues in accordance with the amounts levied for that purpose.

(7) An officer who willfully fails to perform duties required by this section is personally liable to the municipality or to a holder of a municipal security for loss or damage arising from his or her failure.

(8) As used in this section, “tax levy” includes special assessments.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 500, Imd. Eff. July 3, 2002.

141.2705 Debt retirement funds; accounting; use; pooled or combined for deposit or investment; certification of debt retirement.

Sec. 705. (1) Debt retirement funds, except in the case of a common debt retirement fund maintained by a school district pursuant to section 1223 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1223, shall be accounted for separately and, debt retirement funds, except as provided in section 701(5), shall be used only to retire the municipal securities of the municipality for which the debt retirement fund was created. Debt retirement funds created for the following categories of debt evidenced by a municipal security may be pooled or combined for deposit or investment purposes only with other debt retirement funds created for the same category of debt evidenced by a municipal security:

(a) Voted debt.

(b) Nonvoted debt, other than special assessment debt.

(c) Special assessment debt.

(2) When any municipality completes the retirement of a debt evidenced by a municipal security or accumulates sufficient funds in the debt retirement fund for the retirement of the debts evidenced by a municipal security, the governing body of the municipality shall certify that the debt evidenced by a municipal security is retired or that the debt retirement fund is of sufficient amount to retire the debt evidenced by a municipal security to the county treasurer of the county in which the municipality is located, and the county treasurer shall no longer be required to recognize a levy for the debt or municipal security issue.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

CHAPTER VIII

141.2801 Effective date.

Sec. 801. This act takes effect March 1, 2002.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2803 Repeal of §§ 131.1 to 132.4, 133.1 to 133.9, 133.12 to 133.15, and 134.1 to 139.3; effective date of repeal of §§ 133.10 to 133.11.

Sec. 803. (1) The following are repealed effective March 1, 2002:

(a) Chapters I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 132.4 and 134.1 to 139.3.

(b) Sections 1 to 9 and sections 12 to 15 of chapter III of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.1 to 133.9 and 133.12 to 133.15.

(2) The municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, 133.10 to 133.11, is repealed effective April 30, 2002.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2805 Repeal of administrative rules of municipal finance division; effective date.

Sec. 805. The administrative rules of the municipal finance division are repealed effective March 1, 2002.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2807 Exceptions from prior approval of debts or securities; effect of orders; applicability of terms.

Sec. 807. All orders granting exceptions from prior approval of debts or securities issued by the department shall continue in force and effect until the expiration date expressly contained in the order. The terms of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, and the administrative rules of the municipal finance division shall apply with respect to any security issued pursuant to an order of the department that was issued before May 1, 2002.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2809 Effect of orders approving issuance of securities.

Sec. 809. All orders approving the issuance of securities issued by the department shall continue in force and effect until October 31, 2002. The terms of former 1943 PA 202 and the administrative rules of the municipal finance division shall apply with respect to any security issued pursuant to an order of the department that was issued before May 1, 2002.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

141.2811 Effect of § 141.2303.

Sec. 811. Except as provided by sections 807 and 809, section 303 replaces and reenacts sections 10 and 11 of chapter III of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.10 and 133.11.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2813 Effect of § 141.2317.

Sec. 813. Except as provided by sections 807 and 809, section 317 replaces and reenacts section 15 of chapter III of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.15.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2815 Repealed. 2002, Act 541, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to exemption of certain security from act.

141.2817 Effect of § 141.2305.

Sec. 817. Except as provided by sections 807 and 809, section 305 replaces and reenacts section 1a of chapter III of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.1a.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2819 Validation of previously issued securities.

Sec. 819. Any securities previously issued under or in accordance with the authority contained in the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, are hereby validated.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

141.2821 Issuance of municipal security beginning March 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2002; qualified status.

Sec. 821. (1) Beginning March 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2002, a municipality planning to issue a municipal security may do either of the following:

(a) Seek approval or exception from prior approval of the municipal security from the department in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of chapter III of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.10 and 133.11.

(b) Seek qualified status in accordance with section 303, by filing a qualifying statement referencing the most recent audit report of the municipality previously filed with the department prior to the effective date of this act, or if not previously timely filed, by attaching a copy of the audit report for the most recently completed fiscal year for which an audit has been completed.

(2) If a municipality elects to seek qualified status as described in subsection (1) during the period between March 1, 2002 and May 1, 2002, the department shall determine within 30 business days of receipt of the qualifying statement whether the municipality complies with the requirements of section 303(3). If the department determines that the municipality complies with the provisions of section 303(3) or if the department fails to notify the municipality of its determination under this subsection within 30 business days of receipt of the qualifying statement, the municipality may proceed to issue municipal securities in accordance with this act without further approval from the department until 30 business days after the next qualifying statement is due or received by the department, whichever occurs first.

(3) If a municipality is not granted qualified status pursuant to subsection (2), or if a municipality does not file a qualifying statement as described in subsection (1), the municipality shall comply with section 303(7) for each municipal security issued until the municipality obtains qualified status based on the audit report and qualifying statement next duly filed by the municipality in accordance with section 303.

History: 2001, Act 34, Eff. Mar. 1, 2002.

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW

Act 116 of 1954

AN ACT to reorganize, consolidate, and add to the election laws; to provide for election officials and prescribe their powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, state agencies, and state and local officials and employees; to provide for the nomination and election of candidates for public office; to provide for the resignation, removal, and recall of certain public officers; to provide for the filling of vacancies in public office; to provide for and regulate primaries and elections; to provide for the purity of elections; to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise; to define violations of this act; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and all other acts inconsistent with this act.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;--Am. 1994, Act 441, Imd. Eff. Jan. 10, 1995.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER XVI

TOWNSHIP OFFICES

168.341 Elective township offices and officers.

Sec. 341. Elective township offices shall consist of a supervisor, township clerk, township treasurer, not to exceed 4 constables, and not to exceed 4 trustees. Elective township officers may include library directors and park commission members.

History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;--Am. 1966, Act 44, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966;--Am. 1980, Act 112, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1980.

168.358 Election of township officers and submission of propositions; general November election.

Sec. 358. (1) In every township, there shall be a general November election in each even-numbered year for the election of officers and the submission of propositions, as provided by law. At the 1980 general November election, there shall be elected by ballot all of the following township officers:

(a) A supervisor.

(b) A clerk.

(c) A treasurer.

(d) Two trustees.

(e) Not more than 4 constables.

(f) If authorized by law and after a township takes the actions provided in section 11 of 1877 PA 164, MCL 397.211, 6 free public library directors.

(g) If a township takes the actions provided in section 1 of former 1931 PA 271 or section 6 of 1905 PA 157, MCL 41.426, the number of park commission members provided for under section 6 of 1905 PA 157, MCL 41.426.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the order of offices on the township portion of the ballots shall be the same as the order in which the officers are listed in subsection (1). Free public library directors shall be listed on the nonpartisan portion of the ballot.

(3) Subject to the limitation in subsection (1), the number of constables to be elected at the 1992 general November election and each general November election at which township offices are regularly to be elected after 1992 shall be determined by the township board by resolution not less than 6 months before the township primary election preceding the general November election. The resolution that specifies the number of constables to be elected applies in that township until a subsequent resolution is adopted altering that number. If a determination as to the number of constables to be elected is not made by the township board by the deadline under this subsection for the 1992 general election, the number of constables to be elected shall be the same number that was

elected in that township in the 1988 general November election until a resolution is adopted to provide for the election of a different number of constables.
(4) In a township having a population of 5,000 or more, or having 3,000 or more qualified and registered electors as shown by the registration records at the close of registration for the last preceding general November election, there may be elected 4 trustees. In other townships there shall be 2 trustees. A township shall not elect 4 trustees unless the election of additional trustees is approved by the voters at a general November election or by a majority of the voters attending at an annual meeting. The township board of a township having a population of 5,000 or more, or having 3,000 or more qualified and registered electors, shall cause the question of electing additional trustees to be voted on at the first general November election or annual meeting following the township's qualifying for additional trustees. If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote in favor of electing 4 trustees, the township shall thereafter elect 4 trustees. If a majority of the electors voting on the question do not vote in favor of electing 4 trustees, the township board may resubmit the question at a subsequent general November election or annual meeting or the question shall be submitted at the first general November election or annual meeting held not less than 84 days following the submission of a petition containing the signatures of not less than 10% of the registered and qualified electors of the township, as shown by the registration records at the close of registration for the last general November election, asking that the question be submitted.
(5) At the first general November election in a township held not less than 4 months after the provisions of this section relative to additional trustees are adopted by a township, there shall be elected the number of trustees necessary to make a total of 4 trustees. If the additional trustees are elected at a general November election that is not a regular township election, the additional trustees shall hold office only until a successor is elected at the next regular township election and qualifies for office.
(6) This section does not prohibit townships electing 4 trustees as of September 13, 1958 from continuing to do so.
History: 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955;--Am. 1958, Act 192, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958 ;--Am. 1966, Act 44, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966;--Am. 1967, Act 215, Imd. Eff. Nov. 2, 1967;--Am. 1978, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 7, 1978;--Am. 1980, Act 112, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1980;--Am. 1982, Act 150, Imd. Eff. May 6, 1982;--Am. 1986, Act 33, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 1986;--Am. 1988, Act 431, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989 ;--Am. 1988, Act 433, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989 ;--Am. 1990, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Feb. 12, 1990;--Am. 1999, Act 16, Imd. Eff. Apr. 27, 1999.

MICHIGAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT

Act 388 of 1976

AN ACT to regulate political activity; to regulate campaign financing; to restrict campaign contributions and expenditures; to require campaign statements and reports; to regulate anonymous contributions; to regulate campaign advertising and literature; to provide for segregated funds for political purposes; to provide for the use of public funds for political purposes; to create certain funds; to provide for reversion, retention, or refunding of unexpended balances in certain funds; to require other statements and reports; to regulate acceptance of certain gifts, payments, and reimbursements; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and state and local officials and employees; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1976, Act 388, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1976;--Am. 1994, Act 117, Eff. Apr. 1, 1995;--Am. 1994, Act 385, Eff. Jan. 1, 1995.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

169.257 Contributions, expenditures, or volunteer personal services; prohibitions; violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 57. (1) A public body or an individual acting for a public body shall not use or authorize the use of funds, personnel, office space, computer hardware or software, property, stationery, postage, vehicles, equipment, supplies, or other public resources to make a contribution or expenditure or provide volunteer personal services that are excluded from the definition of contribution under section 4(3)(a). This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

(a) The expression of views by an elected or appointed public official who has policy making responsibilities.

(b) The production or dissemination of factual information concerning issues relevant to the function of the public body.

(c) The production or dissemination of debates, interviews, commentary, or information by a broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical or publication in the regular course of broadcasting or publication.

(d) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on behalf of, a public body if any candidate or committee has an equal opportunity to use the public facility.

(e) The use of a public facility owned or leased by, or on behalf of, a public body if that facility is primarily used as a family dwelling and is not used to conduct a fund-raising event.

(f) An elected or appointed public official or an employee of a public body who, when not acting for a public body but is on his or her own personal time, is expressing his or her own personal views, is expending his or her own personal funds, or is providing his or her own personal volunteer services.

(2) A person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable, if the person is an individual, by a fine of not more than $1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, or if the person is not an individual, by 1 of the following, whichever is greater:

(a) A fine of not more than $20,000.00.

(b) A fine equal to the amount of the improper contribution or expenditure.

History: Add. 1995, Act 264, Eff. Mar. 28, 1996 ;--Am. 1996, Act 590, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997 ;--Am. 2001, Act 250, Eff. Mar. 22, 2002 .

Compiler's Note: Section 2 of Act 264 of 1995 provides: “If any portion of this amendatory act or the application of this amendatory act to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid by a court, the invalidity does not affect the remaining portions or applications of this amendatory act that can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, if those remaining portions are not determined by the court to be inoperable. To this end, this amendatory act is declared to be severable.”

GENERAL SALES TAX ACT

Act 167 of 1933

AN ACT to provide for the raising of additional public revenue by prescribing certain specific taxes, fees, and charges to be paid to the state for the privilege of engaging in certain business activities; to provide, incident to the enforcement thereof, for the issuance of licenses to engage in such occupations; to provide for the ascertainment, assessment and collection thereof; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act.

History: 1933, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 28, 1933;--Am. 1949, Act 272, Eff. July 1, 1949.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

205.54 Deductions; filing estimated returns and annual periodic reconciliations; registration under streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

Sec. 4. (1) In computing the amount of tax levied under this act for any month, a taxpayer not subject to section 6(2) may deduct the amount provided by subdivision (a) or (b), whichever is greater:

(a) If the tax that accrued to this state from the sales at retail during the preceding month is remitted to the department on or before the twelfth day of the month in which remittance is due, 0.75% of the tax due at a rate of 4% for the preceding monthly period, but not to exceed $20,000.00 of the tax due for that month. If the tax that accrued to this state from the sales at retail during the preceding month is remitted to the department after the twelfth day and on or before the twentieth day of the month in which remittance is due, 0.50% of the tax due at a rate of 4% for the preceding monthly period, but not to exceed $15,000.00 of the tax due for that month.

(b) The tax at a rate of 4% due on $150.00 of taxable gross proceeds for the preceding monthly period, or a prorated portion of $150.00 of the taxable gross proceeds for the preceding month if the taxpayer engaged in business for less than a month.

(2) Beginning January 1, 1999, in computing the amount of tax levied under this act for any month, a taxpayer who is subject to section 6(2) may deduct from the amount of the tax paid 0.50% of the tax due at a rate of 4%.

(3) A deduction is not allowed under this section for payments of taxes made to the department after the day the taxpayer is required to pay, pursuant to section 6, the tax imposed by this act.

(4) If, pursuant to section 6(4), the department prescribes the filing of returns and the payment of the tax for periods in excess of 1 month, a taxpayer is entitled to a deduction from the tax collections remitted to the department for the extended payment period that is equivalent to the deduction allowed under subsection (1) or (2) for monthly periods.

(5) The department may prescribe the filing of estimated returns and annual periodic reconciliations as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(6) A seller registered under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement may claim a deduction under this section if provided for in the streamlined sales and use tax administration act.

History: 1933, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 28, 1933;--Am. 1939, Act 313, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1939;--CL 1948, 205.54 ;--Am. 1949, Act 272, Eff. July 1, 1949 ;--Am. 1981, Act 219, Eff. Mar. 31, 1982;--Am. 1993, Act 18, Imd. Eff. Apr. 14, 1993;--Am. 1993, Act 325, Eff. May 1, 1994 ;--Am. 1998, Act 267, Imd. Eff. July 17, 1998;--Am. 2004, Act 173, Eff. Sept. 1, 2004 .

205.54a Sales excluded from tax; limitation.

Sec. 4a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are exempt from the tax under this act:

(a) A sale of tangible personal property not for resale to a nonprofit school, nonprofit hospital, or nonprofit home for the care and maintenance of children or aged persons operated by an entity of government, a regularly organized church, religious, or fraternal organization, a veterans' organization, or a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state, if the income or benefit from the operation does not inure, in whole or in part, to an individual or private shareholder, directly or indirectly, and if the activities of the entity or agency are carried on exclusively for the benefit of the public at large and are not limited to the advantage, interests, and benefits of its members or any restricted group. A sale of tangible personal property to a parent cooperative

preschool is exempt from taxation under this act. As used in this subdivision, “parent cooperative preschool” means a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory educational institution, maintained as a community service and administered by parents of children currently enrolled in the preschool, that provides an educational and developmental program for children younger than compulsory school age, that provides an educational program for parents, including active participation with children in preschool activities, that is directed by qualified preschool personnel, and that is licensed by the department of consumer and industry services pursuant to 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.

(b) A sale of tangible personal property not for resale to a regularly organized church or house of religious worship, except the following:

(i) Sales in activities that are mainly commercial enterprises.

(ii) Sales of vehicles licensed for use on public highways other than a passenger van or bus with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of 10 or more that is used primarily for the transportation of persons for religious purposes.

(c) The sale of food to bona fide enrolled students by a school or other educational institution not operated for profit.

(d) The sale of a vessel designated for commercial use of registered tonnage of 500 tons or more, if produced upon special order of the purchaser, and bunker and galley fuel, provisions, supplies, maintenance, and repairs for the exclusive use of the vessel engaged in interstate commerce.

(e) A sale of tangible personal property to persons engaged in a business enterprise and using or consuming the tangible personal property in the tilling, planting, caring for, or harvesting of the things of the soil; in the breeding, raising, or caring for livestock, poultry, or horticultural products, including transfers of livestock, poultry, or horticultural products for further growth; or in the direct gathering of fish, by net, line, or otherwise only by an owner-operator of the business enterprise, not including a charter fishing business enterprise. This exemption includes agricultural land tile, which means fired clay or perforated plastic tubing used as part of a subsurface drainage system for land, and subsurface irrigation pipe, if the land tile or irrigation pipe is used in the production of agricultural products as a business enterprise. This exemption includes a portable grain bin, which means a structure that is used or is to be used to shelter grain and that is designed to be disassembled without significant damage to its component parts. This exemption also includes grain drying equipment and natural or propane gas used to fuel that equipment for agricultural purposes. This exemption does not include transfers of food, fuel, clothing, or any similar tangible personal property for personal living or human consumption. This exemption does not include tangible personal property permanently affixed and becoming a structural part of real estate.

(f) The sale of a copyrighted motion picture film or a newspaper or periodical admitted under federal postal laws and regulations effective September 1, 1985 as second-class mail matter or as a controlled circulation publication or qualified to accept legal notices for publication in this state, as defined by law, or any other newspaper or periodical of general circulation, established not less than 2 years, and published not less than once a week. Tangible personal property used or consumed in producing a copyrighted motion picture film, a newspaper published more than 14 times per year, or a periodical published more than 14 times per year, and not becoming a component part of that film, newspaper, or periodical is subject to the tax. Tangible personal property used or consumed in producing a newspaper published 14 times or less per year or a periodical published 14 times or less per year and that portion or percentage of tangible personal property used or consumed in producing an advertising supplement that becomes a component part of a newspaper or periodical is exempt from the tax under this subdivision. A claim for a refund for taxes paid before January 1, 1999, under this subdivision shall be made before June 30, 1999. For purposes of this subdivision, tangible personal property that becomes a component part of a newspaper or periodical and consequently not subject to tax includes an advertising supplement inserted into and circulated with a newspaper or periodical that is otherwise exempt from tax under this subdivision, if the advertising supplement is delivered directly to the newspaper or periodical by a person other than the advertiser, or the advertising supplement is printed by the newspaper or periodical.

(g) A sale of tangible personal property to persons licensed to operate commercial radio or television stations if the property is used in the origination or integration of the various sources of

program material for commercial radio or television transmission. This subdivision does not include a vehicle licensed and titled for use on public highways or property used in the transmission to or receiving from an artificial satellite.

(h) The sale of a prosthetic device, durable medical equipment, or mobility enhancing equipment.

(i) The sale of a vehicle not for resale to a Michigan nonprofit corporation organized exclusively to provide a community with ambulance or fire department services.

(j) A sale of tangible personal property to inmates in a penal or correctional institution purchased with scrip or its equivalent issued and redeemed by the institution.

(k) A sale of textbooks sold by a public or nonpublic school to or for the use of students enrolled in any part of a kindergarten through twelfth grade program.

(l) A sale of tangible personal property installed as a component part of a water pollution control facility for which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 37 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3701 to 324.3708, or an air pollution control facility for which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 59 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.5901 to 324.5908.

(m) The sale or lease of the following to an industrial laundry after December 31, 1997:

(i) Textiles and disposable products including, but not limited to, soap, paper, chemicals, tissues, deodorizers and dispensers, and all related items such as packaging, supplies, hangers, name tags, and identification tags.

(ii) Equipment, whether owned or leased, used to repair and dispense textiles including, but not limited to, roll towel cabinets, slings, hardware, lockers, mop handles and frames, and carts.

(iii) Machinery, equipment, parts, lubricants, and repair services used to clean, process, and package textiles and related items, whether owned or leased.

(iv) Utilities such as electric, gas, water, or oil.

(v) Production washroom equipment and mending and packaging supplies and equipment.

(vi) Material handling equipment including, but not limited to, conveyors, racks, and elevators and related control equipment.

(vii) Wastewater pretreatment equipment and supplies and related maintenance and repair services.

(n) A sale of tangible personal property to a person holding a direct payment permit under section 8 of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.98.

(2) The tangible personal property under subsection (1) is exempt only to the extent that that property is used for the exempt purpose if one is stated in subsection (1). The exemption is limited to the percentage of exempt use to total use determined by a reasonable formula or method approved by the department.

History: Add. 1935, Act 77, Imd. Eff. May 23, 1935;--Am. 1939, Act 313, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1939;--CL 1948, 205.54a ;--Am. 1949, Act 272, Eff. July 1, 1949 ;--Am. 1950, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 9, Imd. Eff. May 9, 1950;--Am. 1951, Act 245, Eff. Sept. 28, 1951 ;--Am. 1952, Act 165, Imd. Eff. Apr. 24, 1952;--Am. 1953, Act 204, Imd. Eff. June 10, 1953;--Am. 1955, Act 76, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1955;--Am. 1958, Act 52, Eff. July 1, 1958 ;--Am. 1962, Act 220, Eff. July 1, 1962 ;--Am. 1970, Act 16, Eff. May 1, 1970 ;--Am. 1971, Act 207, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1971;--Am. 1973, Act 136, Imd. Eff. Nov. 9, 1973 ;--Am. 1976, Act 33, Imd. Eff. Mar. 5, 1976;--Am. 1978, Act 263, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1978;--Am. 1978, Act 498, Imd. Eff. Dec. 11, 1978;--Am. 1982, Act 218, Eff. Jan. 1, 1984 ;--Am. 1985, Act 16, Imd. Eff. May 16, 1985;--Am. 1986, Act 51, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 1986;--Am. 1987, Act 87, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1987;--Am. 1988, Act 519, Imd. Eff. Jan. 19, 1989;--Am. 1990, Act 143, Imd. Eff. June 27, 1990;--Am. 1991, Act 87, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1991;--Am. 1993, Act 325, Eff. May 1, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 156, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1994;--Am. 1996, Act 52, Imd. Eff. Feb. 26, 1996;--Am. 1996, Act 435, Imd. Eff. Dec. 10, 1996;--Am. 1998, Act 365, Imd. Eff. Oct. 20, 1998;--Am. 1998, Act 398, Imd. Eff. Dec. 17, 1998;--Am. 1998, Act 490, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1999;--Am. 1999, Act 116, Imd. Eff. July 14, 1999;--Am. 2004, Act 173, Eff. Sept. 1, 2004.

Compiler's Note: Enacting section 2 of Act 116 of 1999 provides: "Enacting section 2. This amendatory act clarifies that, with the exception of telecommunications equipment taxed under section 3a of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.93a, a taxpayer may exclude a sale of tangible personal property from gross proceeds only to the extent that the property is used for exempt purposes. For telecommunications equipment exempt under section 4v of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.54v, this amendatory act clarifies that for periods before April 1, 1999, the tax shall not be apportioned and for periods beginning April 1, 1999, the tax shall be apportioned. This amendatory act clarifies that existing law as originally intended provides a prorated exemption. This amendatory act takes effect for all periods beginning March 31, 1995 and all tax years that are open under the statute of limitations provided in section 27a of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.27a."

205.54h Exemptions.

Sec. 4h. Sales to the United States, its unincorporated agencies and instrumentalities, any incorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States wholly owned by the United States or by a corporation wholly owned by the United States, the American Red Cross and its chapters and branches, and this state or its departments and institutions or any of its political subdivisions are exempt from the tax under this act.

History: Add. 2004, Act 173, Eff. Sept. 1, 2004

205.54o School, church, hospital, parent cooperative preschool, or nonprofit organization; sales of tangible personal property for fund-raising purposes; exemption; "school" defined.

Sec. 4o. (1) The sale of tangible personal property for fund-raising purposes by a school, church, hospital, parent cooperative preschool, or nonprofit organization that has a tax exempt status under section 4q(1)(a) or (b) and that has aggregate sales at retail in the calendar year of less than $5,000.00 are exempt from the tax under this act.

(2) A club, association, auxiliary, or other organization affiliated with a school, church, hospital, parent cooperative preschool, or nonprofit organization with a tax exempt status under section 4q(1)(a) or (b) is not considered a separate person for purposes of this exemption. As used in this section, "school" means each elementary, middle, junior, or high school site within a local school district that represents a district attendance area as established by the board of the local school district.

History: Add. 1994, Act 156, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1994;--Am. 2004, Act 173, Eff. Sept. 1, 2004.

Compiler's Note: The cite to section 4(n)(1)(a) or (b) in subsections (1) and (2) was originally compiled as § 205.54n[1], was repealed by Act 258 of 1988, Imd. Eff. July 17, 1998, and pertained to sales of tangible personal property. See now MCL § 205.54q.

USE TAX ACT

Act 94 of 1937

AN ACT to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of a specific excise tax on the storage, use or consumption in this state of tangible personal property and certain services; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act.

History: 1937, Act 94, Eff. Oct. 29, 1937;--Am. 1959, Act 263, Eff. Sept. 1, 1959;--Am. 1960, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1961.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

205.94 Exemptions.

Sec. 4. (1) The following are exempt from the tax levied under this act, subject to subsection (2):

(a) Property sold in this state on which transaction a tax is paid under the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.51 to 205.78, if the tax was due and paid on the retail sale to a consumer.

(b) Property, the storage, use, or other consumption of which this state is prohibited from taxing under the constitution or laws of the United States, or under the constitution of this state.

(c) Property purchased for resale, demonstration purposes, or lending or leasing to a public or parochial school offering a course in automobile driving except that a vehicle purchased by the school shall be certified for driving education and shall not be reassigned for personal use by the school's administrative personnel. For a dealer selling a new car or truck, exemption for demonstration purposes shall be determined by the number of new cars and trucks sold during the current calendar year or the immediately preceding year without regard to specific make or style according to the following schedule of 0 to 25, 2 units; 26 to 100, 7 units; 101 to 500, 20 units; 501 or more, 25 units; but not to exceed 25 cars and trucks in 1 calendar year for demonstration purposes. Property purchased for resale includes promotional merchandise transferred pursuant to a redemption offer to a person located outside this state or any packaging material, other than promotional merchandise, acquired for use in fulfilling a redemption offer or rebate to a person located outside this state.

(d) Property that is brought into this state by a nonresident person for storage, use, or consumption while temporarily within this state, except if the property is used in this state in a nontransitory business activity for a period exceeding 15 days.

(e) Property the sale or use of which was already subjected to a sales tax or use tax equal to, or in excess of, that imposed by this act under the law of any other state or a local governmental unit within a state if the tax was due and paid on the retail sale to the consumer and the state or local governmental unit within a state in which the tax was imposed accords like or complete exemption on property the sale or use of which was subjected to the sales or use tax of this state. If the sale or use of property was already subjected to a tax under the law of any other state or local governmental unit within a state in an amount less than the tax imposed by this act, this act shall apply, but at a rate measured by the difference between the rate provided in this act and the rate by which the previous tax was computed.

(f) Property sold to a person engaged in a business enterprise and using and consuming the property in the tilling, planting, caring for, or harvesting of the things of the soil or in the breeding, raising, or caring for livestock, poultry, or horticultural products, including transfers of livestock, poultry, or horticultural products for further growth. This exemption includes agricultural land tile, which means fired clay or perforated plastic tubing used as part of a subsurface drainage system for land used in the production of agricultural products as a business enterprise and includes a portable grain bin, which means a structure that is used or is to be used to shelter grain and that is designed to be disassembled without significant damage to its component parts. This exemption does not include transfers of food, fuel, clothing, or similar tangible personal property for personal living or human consumption. This exemption does not include tangible personal property permanently affixed to and becoming a structural part of real estate.

(g) Property or services sold to the United States, an unincorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States, an incorporated agency or instrumentality of the United States wholly owned by the United States or by a corporation wholly owned by the United States, the American red cross and its chapters or branches, this state, a department or institution of this state, or a political subdivision of this state.
(h) Property or services sold to a school, hospital, or home for the care and maintenance of children or aged persons, operated by an entity of government, a regularly organized church, religious, or fraternal organization, a veterans' organization, or a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state, if not operated for profit, and if the income or benefit from the operation does not inure, in whole or in part, to an individual or private shareholder, directly or indirectly, and if the activities of the entity or agency are carried on exclusively for the benefit of the public at large and are not limited to the advantage, interests, and benefits of its members or a restricted group. The tax levied does not apply to property or services sold to a parent cooperative preschool. As used in this subdivision, “parent cooperative preschool” means a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory educational institution, maintained as a community service and administered by parents of children currently enrolled in the preschool that provides an educational and developmental program for children younger than compulsory school age, that provides an educational program for parents, including active participation with children in preschool activities, that is directed by qualified preschool personnel, and that is licensed by the department of consumer and industry services pursuant to 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.
(i) Property or services sold to a regularly organized church or house of religious worship except the following:

(i) Sales in which the property is used in activities that are mainly commercial enterprises.
(ii) Sales of vehicles licensed for use on the public highways other than a passenger van or bus with a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of 10 or more that is used primarily for the transportation of persons for religious purposes.

(j) A vessel designed for commercial use of registered tonnage of 500 tons or more, if produced upon special order of the purchaser, and bunker and galley fuel, provisions, supplies, maintenance, and repairs for the exclusive use of a vessel of 500 tons or more engaged in interstate commerce.
(k) Property purchased for use in this state where actual personal possession is obtained outside this state, the purchase price or actual value of which does not exceed $10.00 during 1 calendar month.
(l) A newspaper or periodical classified under federal postal laws and regulations effective September 1, 1985 as second-class mail matter or as a controlled circulation publication or qualified to accept legal notices for publication in this state, as defined by law, or any other newspaper or periodical of general circulation, established at least 2 years, and published at least once a week, and a copyrighted motion picture film. Tangible personal property used or consumed in producing a copyrighted motion picture film, a newspaper published more than 14 times per year, or a periodical published more than 14 times per year, and not becoming a component part of that film, newspaper, or periodical is subject to the tax. After December 31, 1993, tangible personal property used or consumed in producing a newspaper published 14 times or less per year or a periodical published 14 times or less per year and that portion or percentage of tangible personal property used or consumed in producing an advertising supplement that becomes a component part of a newspaper or periodical is exempt from the tax under this subdivision. A claim for a refund for taxes paid before January 1, 1999 under this subdivision shall be made before June 30, 1999. For purposes of this subdivision, tangible personal property that becomes a component part of a newspaper or periodical and consequently not subject to tax, includes an advertising supplement inserted into and circulated with a newspaper or periodical that is otherwise exempt from tax under this subdivision, if the advertising supplement is delivered directly to the newspaper or periodical by a person other than the advertiser, or the advertising supplement is printed by the newspaper or periodical.
(m) Property purchased by persons licensed to operate a commercial radio or television station if the property is used in the origination or integration of the various sources of program material for commercial radio or television transmission. This subdivision does not include a vehicle licensed and titled for use on public highways or property used in the transmitting to or receiving from an artificial satellite.

(n) A person who is a resident of this state who purchases an automobile in another state while in the military service of the United States and who pays a sales tax in the state where the automobile is purchased.
(o) A vehicle for which a special registration is secured in accordance with section 226(12) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.226.
(p) The sale of a prosthetic device, durable medical equipment, or mobility enhancing equipment.
(q) Water when delivered through water mains, water sold in bulk tanks in quantities of not less than 500 gallons, or the sale of bottled water.
(r) A vehicle not for resale used by a nonprofit corporation organized exclusively to provide a community with ambulance or fire department services.
(s) Tangible personal property purchased and installed as a component part of a water pollution control facility for which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 37 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.3701 to 324.3708, or an air pollution control facility for which a tax exemption certificate is issued pursuant to part 59 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.5901 to 324.5908.
(t) Tangible real or personal property donated by a manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer to an organization or entity exempt pursuant to subdivision (h) or (i) or section 4a(a) or (b) of the general sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.54a.
(u) The storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft by a domestic air carrier for use solely in the transport of air cargo, passengers, or a combination of air cargo and passengers, that has a maximum certificated takeoff weight of at least 6,000 pounds. For purposes of this subdivision, the term “domestic air carrier” is limited to a person engaged primarily in the commercial transport for hire of air cargo, passengers, or a combination of air cargo and passengers as a business activity. The state treasurer shall estimate on January 1 each year the revenue lost by this act from the school aid fund and deposit that amount into the school aid fund from the general fund.
(v) The storage, use, or consumption of an aircraft by a person who purchases the aircraft for subsequent lease to a domestic air carrier operating under a certificate issued by the federal aviation administration under 14 CFR part 121, for use solely in the regularly scheduled transport of passengers.
(w) Property or services sold to an organization not operated for profit and exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501; or to a health, welfare, educational, cultural arts, charitable, or benevolent organization not operated for profit that has been issued before June 13, 1994 an exemption ruling letter to purchase items exempt from tax signed by the administrator of the sales, use, and withholding taxes division of the department. The department shall reissue an exemption letter after June 13, 1994 to each of those organizations that had an exemption letter that shall remain in effect unless the organization fails to meet the requirements that originally entitled it to this exemption. The exemption does not apply to sales of tangible personal property and sales of vehicles licensed for use on public highways, that are not used primarily to carry out the purposes of the organization as stated in the bylaws or articles of incorporation of the exempt organization.
(x) The use or consumption of services described in section 3a(a) or (c) or 3b by means of a prepaid telephone calling card, a prepaid authorization number for telephone use, or a charge for internet access.
(y) The purchase, lease, use, or consumption of the following by an industrial laundry after December 31, 1997:

(i) Textiles and disposable products including, but not limited to, soap, paper, chemicals, tissues, deodorizers and dispensers, and all related items such as packaging, supplies, hangers, name tags, and identification tags.
(ii) Equipment, whether owned or leased, used to repair and dispense textiles including, but not limited to, roll towel cabinets, slings, hardware, lockers, mop handles and frames, and carts.
(iii) Machinery, equipment, parts, lubricants, and repair services used to clean, process, and package textiles and related items, whether owned or leased.
(iv) Utilities such as electric, gas, water, or oil.
(v) Production washroom equipment and mending and packaging supplies and equipment.

(vi) Material handling equipment including, but not limited to, conveyors, racks, and elevators and related control equipment.

(vii) Wastewater pretreatment equipment and supplies and related maintenance and repair services.

(2) The property or services under subsection (1) are exempt only to the extent that the property or services are used for the exempt purposes if one is stated in subsection (1). The exemption is limited to the percentage of exempt use to total use determined by a reasonable formula or method approved by the department.

History: 1937, Act 94, Eff. Oct. 29, 1937;--Am. 1945, Act 180, Imd. Eff. May 16, 1945;--CL 1948, 205.94;--Am. 1949, Act 273, Eff. July 1, 1949;--Am. 1950, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 7, Imd. Eff. May 8, 1950;--Am. 1952, Act 164, Imd. Eff. Apr. 24, 1952;--Am. 1953, Act 203, Imd. Eff. June 10, 1953;--Am. 1955, Act 235, Eff. Oct. 14, 1955;--Am. 1959, Act 263, Eff. Sept. 1, 1959;--Am. 1959, Act 272, Eff. Jan. 1, 1960;--Am. 1962, Act 219, Eff. July 1, 1962;--Am. 1964, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;--Am. 1969, Act 214, Imd. Eff. Aug. 6, 1969;--Am. 1970, Act 15, Eff. May 1, 1970;--Am. 1971, Act 208, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1971;--Am. 1976, Act 29, Imd. Eff. Mar. 5, 1976;--Am. 1976, Act 72, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1976;--Am. 1978, Act 262, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1978;--Am. 1978, Act 457, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 1978;--Am. 1984, Act 288, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 1984;--Am. 1986, Act 48, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 1986;--Am. 1986, Act 52, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 1986;--Am. 1987, Act 141, Imd. Eff. July 24, 1987;--Am. 1988, Act 459, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 141, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1989;--Am. 1993, Act 326, Eff. May 1, 1994 ;--Am. 1994, Act 34, Imd. Eff. Mar. 7, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 157, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 214, Imd. Eff. June 23, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 424, Imd. Eff. Jan. 6, 1995;--Am. 1996, Act 53, Imd. Eff. Feb. 26, 1996;--Am. 1996, Act 436, Imd. Eff. Dec. 10, 1996;--Am. 1997, Act 194, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1997;--Am. 1998, Act 366, Imd. Eff. Oct. 20, 1998;--Am. 1998, Act 452, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1998;--Am. 1998, Act 491, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1999;--Am. 1999, Act 117, Imd. Eff. July 14, 1999;--Am. 2000, Act 200, Imd. Eff. June 27, 2000;--Am. 2001, Act 39, Imd. Eff. July 11, 2001;--Am. 2002, Act 456, Imd. Eff. June 21, 2002;--Am. 2002, Act 669, Eff. Mar. 31, 2003;--Am. 2004, Act 172, Eff. Sept. 1, 2004.

Compiler's Note: Section 2 of Act 52 of 1986 provides: "It is the intent of the legislature that this amendatory act be curative of any past misinterpretation of the coverage of the exemption provided by subdivision (n) of this amendatory act." Enacting section 1 of Act 117 of 1999 provides: "Enacting section 1. This amendatory act clarifies that, with the exception of telecommunications equipment taxed under section 3a of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.93a, the tax levied does not apply to the price of property or services to the extent that the property or services are stored, used, or consumed for exempt purposes. For telecommunications equipment taxed under section 3a of the use tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.93a, this amendatory act clarifies that for periods before April 1, 1999, the tax shall not be apportioned and for periods beginning April 1, 1999, the tax shall be apportioned. This amendatory act clarifies that existing law as originally intended provides for a prorated exemption. This amendatory act takes effect for all periods beginning March 31, 1995 and all tax years that are open under the statute of limitations provided in section 27a of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.27a."

INCOME TAX ACT OF 1967

Act 281 of 1967

AN ACT to meet deficiencies in state funds by providing for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment, and enforcement by lien and otherwise of taxes on or measured by net income; to prescribe the manner and time of making reports and paying the taxes, and the functions of public officers and others as to the taxes; to permit the inspection of the records of taxpayers; to provide for interest and penalties on unpaid taxes; to provide exemptions, credits and refunds of the taxes; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; to provide an appropriation; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1967, Act 281, Eff. Oct. 1, 1967.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

206.260 Tax credit for certain charitable contributions; limitations; definitions; limitation on sum of credits.

Sec. 260. (1) A taxpayer may credit against the tax imposed by this act for the tax year, an amount, subject to the applicable limitations provided by this section, equal to 50% of the aggregate amount of charitable contributions made by the taxpayer during the tax year to any of the following:

(a) This state pursuant to the Faxon-McNamee art in public places act, Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 18.71 to 18.81 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, of an artwork created by the taxpayer, for display in a public place.

(b) The state art in public places fund created pursuant to Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1980.

(c) A municipality in this state of an artwork created by the personal effort of the taxpayer for display in a public place.

(d) Either a municipality of this state or a nonprofit corporation affiliated with both a municipality and an art institute located in the municipality, of money or artwork, whether or not created by the personal effort of the taxpayer, if for the purpose of benefiting an art institute located in that municipality.

(e) A public library.

(f) A public broadcast station as defined by section 397 of subpart d of title III of the communications act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 397, that is not affiliated with an institution of higher education and that is located within this state.

(g) An institution of higher learning located within this state.

(h) The Michigan colleges foundation.

(i) The state museum.

(j) The department of state for the purpose of preservation of the state archives.

(k) A nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of institutions of higher learning located within this state. A tax credit for a contribution described in this subdivision is permitted only if the donee corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association is controlled or approved and reviewed by the governing board of the institution benefiting from the charitable contribution. The nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association shall provide copies of its annual independently audited financial statements to the auditor general of this state and chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

(2) For a taxpayer other than a resident estate or trust, the amount allowable as a credit under this section for a tax year shall not exceed $100.00, or for a husband and wife filing a joint return as provided in section 311, $200.00.

(3) For a resident estate or trust, the amount allowable as a credit under this section for a tax year shall not exceed 10% of the tax liability for the year as determined without regard to this section or $5,000.00, whichever is less and shall not have been deducted in arriving at federal taxable income.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) “Institution of higher learning” means only an educational institution located within this state that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) It maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are carried on.

(ii) It regularly offers education above the twelfth grade.

(iii) It awards associate, bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees or a combination of those degrees or higher education credits acceptable for those degrees granted by other institutions of higher learning.

(iv) It is recognized by the state board of education as an institution of higher learning and appears as an institution of higher learning in the annual publication of the department of education entitled “The Directory of Institutions of Higher Education”.

(b) “Public library” means that term as defined in section 2 of the state aid to public libraries act, Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of 1977, being section 397.552 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(c) “Contributions made by the taxpayer” means, but is not limited to, the fair market value of artwork created by the personal effort of the taxpayer that is donated to and accepted as a donation by a qualified organization. The fair market value of a piece of artwork shall be determined at the time of the donation by independent appraisal.

(d) “Artwork” means an original, visual creation of quality executed in any size or shape, in any media, using any kind or type of materials.

(5) The sum of the credits allowed by section 257 and this section shall not exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer.

History: Add. 1968, Act 315, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968;--Am. 1972, Act 332, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1973;--Am. 1973, Act 20, Imd. Eff. May 16, 1973;--Am. 1974, Act 290, Imd. Eff. Oct. 15, 1974;--Am. 1975, Act 233, Imd. Eff. Aug. 27, 1975;--Am. 1979, Act 199, Eff. Mar. 27, 1980 ;--Am. 1980, Act 475, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981 ;--Am. 1984, Act 419, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1984;--Am. 1988, Act 153, Imd. Eff. June 14, 1988;--Am. 1996, Act 484, Eff. Jan. 1, 1997.

Compiler's Note: Section 2 of Act 153 of 1988 provides: “This amendatory act shall take effect for tax years beginning after 1987.”

SINGLE BUSINESS TAX ACT

Act 228 of 1975

***** Act 228 of 1975 THIS ACT IS REPEALED BY ACT 531 OF 2002 EFFECTIVE FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2009 *****

AN ACT to provide for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment and enforcement, by lien or otherwise, of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the manner and times of making certain reports and paying taxes; to prescribe the powers and duties of public officers and state departments; to permit the inspection of records of taxpayers; to provide for interest and penalties on unpaid taxes; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide penalties; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to provide an appropriation.

History: 1975, Act 228, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976.

Compiler's Note: Enacting section 3 of 1999 PA 115 provides: "Enacting section 3. The single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, is repealed effective on the January 1 of the year in which the rate under section 31 is reduced to 0.0%, and is not effective for tax years that begin on or after that date."

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

***** 208.38 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 531 OF 2002 EFFECTIVE FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2009 *****

208.38 Tax credit for charitable contributions to public broadcast station; limitations; conditions; annual report; financial statements; definitions.

Sec. 38. (1) At the election of taxpayers not subject to Act No. 281 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended, being sections 206.1 to 206.532 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this act for the taxable year, an amount, subject to the applicable limitations provided by this section, equal to 50% of the aggregate amount of charitable contributions made by the taxpayer during the year to a public broadcast station as defined by 47 U.S.C. 397 which is not affiliated with an institution of higher education, public libraries, institutions of higher learning located within this state, the Michigan colleges foundation, or to a nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of institutions of higher learning. An institution of higher learning which receives the contributions through a nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of the institution of higher learning, shall make an annual report to the chairpersons of the house and senate appropriations committees and the house taxation committee and senate finance committee indicating in what manner the contributions were or are being used and any specific conditions under which a particular contribution was received and how the money or property from that contribution was or is being used. The report shall be due not later than February 1 for the immediately preceding calendar year and shall be issued in 1981 and 1982 only. The tax credit shall be permitted only where the donee corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association is controlled or approved and reviewed by the governing boards of the institutions benefiting from the charitable contributions. The nonprofit corporation, fund, foundation, trust, or association shall provide copies of their annual independently audited financial statements to the auditor general of the state and chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees.

(2) The amount allowable as a credit under this section for any taxable year shall not exceed 5% of the tax liability for that year as determined without regard to this section or $5,000.00, whichever is less.

(3) As used in this section, "institution of higher learning" means an educational institution located within this state meeting all of the following requirements:

(a) It maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are carried on.

(b) It regularly offers education above the twelfth grade.

(c) It awards associate, bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees or any combination of those degrees or higher education credits acceptable for those degrees granted by other institutions of higher learning.

(d) It is recognized by the state board of education as an institution of higher learning and appears as an institution of higher learning in the annual publication of the department of education entitled "the directory of institutions of higher education".

(4) As used in this section, "public library or libraries" means a public library as defined in section 2 of Act No. 89 of the Public Acts of 1977, being section 397.552 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(5) The credit allowed by this section shall not be in excess of the tax liability of the taxpayer.

History: 1975, Act 228, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;--Am. 1980, Act 318, Imd. Eff. Dec. 9, 1980.

Compiler's Note: Section 2 of Act 318 of 1980 provides: "This amendatory act shall take effect for tax years commencing January 1, 1980." In subsection (3)(d) the word "entitiled" evidently should read "entitled".

208.134 Repealed. 1996, Act 342, Eff. Oct. 1, 1996.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to payments to cities, villages, and townships.

***** 208.135 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 531 OF 2002 EFFECTIVE FOR TAX YEARS THAT BEGIN AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2009 *****

208.135 Payments to counties.

Sec. 135. (1) The department of treasury shall pay to each county by February 1 of each year, following the year the amount was calculated, an amount of money equal to the product of the state equalized value based upon inventory as certified by the department of treasury under section 132 times the county property tax rate for the county as reported to the department of treasury under section 138.

(2) Payments made under this section and the allocation and appropriation of amounts necessary to make the payments under this section shall include interest, which shall accrue on the unpaid balance from February 1, at a rate of interest determined under section 13b of the state revenue sharing act, Act No. 140 of the Public Acts of 1971, being section 141.913b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) A payment required to be made under this section shall not be delayed so as to cause interest to accrue pursuant to subsection (2) unless the delay in any payment is authorized by a written directive issued and signed by the governor which directive shall conform to and be subject to subsections (2) and (3) of section 13b of the state revenue sharing act.

(4) Amounts required to be paid pursuant to this section that are subject to an unavoidable delay of a de minimis period or that are withheld or set off pursuant to law in the settlement or adjustment of an obligation or debt due to this state shall not be subject to subsections (2) and (3).

(5) The state treasurer may make a disbursement for payment under this section which has been delayed in advance of the date the delayed payment is expected to be paid.

History: 1975, Act 228, Eff. Jan. 1, 1976;--Am. 1983, Act 234, Imd. Eff. Dec. 1, 1983.

208.136 Repealed. 1996, Act 342, Eff. Oct. 1, 1996.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to distributions to cities, villages, and townships.

208.137 Repealed. 1996, Act 342, Eff. Oct. 1, 1996.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to payment of proportionate share of reimbursements to eligible authority.

THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT

Act 206 of 1893

AN ACT to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1893, Act 206, Eff. June 12, 1893;--Am. 1939, Act 37, Imd. Eff. Apr. 13, 1939;--Am. 1941, Act 234, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1941;--Am. 1949, Act 317, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949 ;--Am. 1975, Act 334, Imd. Eff. Jan. 12, 1976;--Am. 1981, Act 6, Imd. Eff. Apr. 16, 1981;--Am. 1983, Act 254, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1983;--Am. 1999, Act 123, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

REAL ESTATE EXEMPTIONS

211.7n Nonprofit theater, library, educational, or scientific institution; nonprofit organization fostering development of literature, music, painting, or sculpture.

Sec. 7n. Real estate or personal property owned and occupied by nonprofit theater, library, educational, or scientific institutions incorporated under the laws of this state with the buildings and other property thereon while occupied by them solely for the purposes for which the institutions were incorporated is exempt from taxation under this act. In addition, real estate or personal property owned and occupied by a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of this state devoted exclusively to fostering the development of literature, music, painting, or sculpture which substantially enhances the cultural environment of a community as a whole, is available to the general public on a regular basis, and is occupied by it solely for the purposes for which the organization was incorporated is exempt from taxation under this act.

History: Add. 1980, Act 142, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1980;--Am. 1981, Act 212, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1981.

PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTED

211.9 Personal property exempt from taxation.

Sec. 9. The following personal property is exempt from taxation:

(a) The personal property of charitable, educational, and scientific institutions incorporated under the laws of this state. This exemption does not apply to secret or fraternal societies, but the personal property of all charitable homes of secret or fraternal societies and nonprofit corporations that own and operate facilities for the aged and chronically ill in which the net income from the operation of the nonprofit corporations or secret or fraternal societies does not inure to the benefit of a person other than the residents is exempt.

(b) The property of all library associations, circulating libraries, libraries of reference, and reading rooms owned or supported by the public and not used for gain.

(c) The property of posts of the grand army of the republic, sons of veterans' unions, and of the women's relief corps connected with them, of young men's Christian associations, women's Christian temperance union associations, young people's Christian unions, a boy or girl scout or camp fire girls organization, 4-H clubs, and other similar associations.

(d) Pensions receivable from the United States.

(e) The property of Indians who are not citizens.
(f) The personal property owned and used by a householder such as customary furniture, fixtures, provisions, fuel, and other similar equipment, wearing apparel including personal jewelry, family pictures, school books, library books of reference, and allied items. Personal property is not exempt under this subdivision if it is used to produce income, if it is held for speculative investment, or if it constitutes an inventory of goods for sale in the regular course of trade.
(g) Household furnishings, provisions, and fuel of not more than $5,000.00 in taxable value, of each social or professional fraternity, sorority, and student cooperative house recognized by the educational institution at which it is located.
(h) The working tools of a mechanic of not more than $500.00 in taxable value. “Mechanic”, as used in this subdivision, means a person skilled in a trade pertaining to a craft or in the construction or repair of machinery if the person's employment by others is dependent on his or her furnishing the tools.
(i) Fire engines and other implements used in extinguishing fires owned or used by an organized or independent fire company.
(j) Property actually used in agricultural operations and farm implements held for sale or resale by retail servicing dealers for use in agricultural production. As used in this subdivision, “agricultural operations” means farming in all its branches, including cultivation of the soil, growing and harvesting of an agricultural, horticultural, or floricultural commodity, dairying, raising of livestock, bees, fur-bearing animals, or poultry, turf and tree farming, raising and harvesting of fish, and any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as an incident to, or in conjunction with, farming operations, but excluding retail sales and food processing operations. Property used in agricultural operations includes machinery used to prepare the crop for market operated incidental to a farming operation that does not substantially alter the form, shape, or substance of the crop and is limited to cleaning, cooling, washing, pitting, grading, sizing, sorting, drying, bagging, boxing, crating, and handling if not less than 33% of the volume of the crops processed in the year ending on the applicable tax day or in at least 3 of the immediately preceding 5 years were grown by the farmer in Michigan who is the owner or user of the crop processing machinery.
(k) Personal property of not more than $500.00 in taxable value used by a householder in the operation of a business in the householder's dwelling or at 1 other location in the city, township, or village in which the householder resides.
(l) The products, materials, or goods processed or otherwise and in whatever form, but expressly excepting alcoholic beverages, located in a public warehouse, United States customs port of entry bonded warehouse, dock, or port facility on December 31 of each year, if those products, materials, or goods are designated as in transit to destinations outside this state pursuant to the published tariffs of a railroad or common carrier by filing the freight bill covering the products, materials, or goods with the agency designated by the tariffs, entitling the shipper to transportation rate privileges. Products in a United States customs port of entry bonded warehouse that arrived from another state or a foreign country, whether awaiting shipment to another state or to a final destination within this state, are considered to be in transit and temporarily at rest, and not subject to the collection of taxes under this act. To obtain an exemption for products, materials, or goods under this subdivision, the owner shall file a sworn statement with, and in the form required by, the assessing officer of the tax district in which the warehouse, dock, or port facility is located, at a time between the tax day, December 31, and before the assessing officer closes the assessment rolls describing the products, materials, or goods, and reporting their cost and value as of December 31 of each year. The status of persons and products, materials, or goods for which an exemption is requested is determined as of December 31, which is the tax day. Any property located in a public warehouse, dock, or port facility on December 31 of each year that is exempt from taxation under this subdivision but that is not shipped outside this state pursuant to the particular tariff under which the transportation rate privilege was established shall be assessed upon the immediately succeeding or a subsequent assessment roll by the assessing officer and taxed at the same rate of taxation as other taxable property for the year or years for which the property was exempted to the owner at the time of the omission unless the owner or person entitled to possession of the products, materials, or goods is a resident of, or authorized to do business in, this state and files with the assessing officer, with whom statements of taxable property are required to be filed, a statement under oath that the products, materials, or goods are not for sale or use in this state and will be shipped to a point or points outside this state. If a person, firm, or

corporation claims exemption by filing a sworn statement, the person, firm, or corporation shall append to the statement of taxable property required to be filed in the immediately succeeding year or, if a statement of taxable property is not filed for the immediately succeeding year, to a sworn statement filed on a form required by the assessing officer, a complete list of the property for which the exemption was claimed with a statement of the manner of shipment and of the point or points to which the products, materials, or goods were shipped from the public warehouse, dock, or port facility. The assessing officer shall assess the products, materials, or goods not shipped to a point or points outside this state upon the immediately succeeding assessment roll or on a subsequent assessment roll and the products, materials, or goods shall be taxed at the same rate of taxation as other taxable property for the year or years for which the property was exempted to the owner at the time of the omission. The records, accounts, and books of warehouses, docks, or port facilities, individuals, partnerships, corporations, owners, or those in possession of tangible personal property shall be open to and available for inspection, examination, or auditing by assessing officers. A warehouse, dock, port facility, individual, partnership, corporation, owner, or person in possession of tangible personal property shall report within 90 days after shipment of products, materials, or goods in transit, for which an exemption under this section was claimed or granted, the destination of shipments or parts of shipments and the cost value of those shipments or parts of shipments to the assessing officer. A warehouse, dock, port facility, individual, partnership, corporation, or owner is subject to a fine of $100.00 for each failure to report the destination and cost value of shipments or parts of shipments as required in this subdivision. A person, firm, individual, partnership, corporation, or owner failing to report products, materials, or goods located in a warehouse, dock, or port facility to the assessing officer is subject to a fine of $100.00 and a penalty of 50% of the final amount of taxes found to be assessable for the year on property not reported, the assessable taxes and penalty to be spread on a subsequent assessment roll in the same manner as general taxes on personal property. For the purpose of this subdivision, a public warehouse, dock, or port facility means a warehouse, dock, or port facility owned or operated by a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of storing products, materials, or goods for hire for profit who issues a schedule of rates for storage of the products, materials, or goods and who issues warehouse receipts pursuant to 1909 PA 303, MCL 443.50 to 443.55. A United States customs port of entry bonded warehouse means a customs warehouse within a classification designated by 19 C.F.R. 19.1 and that is located in a port of entry, as defined by 19 C.F.R. 101.1. A portion of a public warehouse, United States customs port of entry bonded warehouse, dock, or port facility leased to a tenant or a portion of any premises owned or leased or operated by a consignor or consignee or an affiliate or subsidiary of the consignor or consignee is not a public warehouse, dock, or port facility.

(m) Personal property owned by a bank or trust company organized under the laws of this state, a national banking association, or an incorporated bank holding company as defined in section 2 of the bank holding company act of 1956, chapter 240, 70 Stat. 133, 12 U.S.C. 1841, that controls a bank, national banking association, trust company, or industrial bank subsidiary located in this state. Buildings owned by a state or national bank, trust company, or incorporated bank holding company and situated upon lands of which the state or national bank, trust company, or incorporated bank holding company is not the owner of the fee are considered real property and are not exempt from taxation. Personal property owned by a state or national bank, trust company, or incorporated bank holding company that is leased, loaned, or otherwise made available to and used by a private individual, association, or corporation in connection with a business conducted for profit is not exempt from taxation.

(n) Farm products, processed or otherwise, the ultimate use of which is for human or animal consumption as food, except wine, beer, and other alcoholic beverages regularly placed in storage in a public warehouse, dock, or port facility while in storage are considered in transit and only temporarily at rest and are not subject to personal property taxation. The assessing officer is the determining authority as to what constitutes, is defined as, or classified as, farm products as used in this subdivision. The records, accounts, and books of warehouses, docks, or port facilities, individuals, partnerships, corporations, owners, or those in possession of farm products shall be open to and available for inspection, examination, or auditing by assessing officers.

(o) Sugar, in solid or liquid form, produced from sugar beets, dried beet pulp, and beet molasses if owned or held by processors.

(p) The personal property of a parent cooperative preschool. As used in this subdivision and section 7z, "parent cooperative preschool" means a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory educational institution maintained as a community service and administered by parents of children currently enrolled in the preschool, that provides an educational and developmental program for children younger than compulsory school age, that provides an educational program for parents, including active participation with children in preschool activities, that is directed by qualified preschool personnel, and that is licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.
(q) All equipment used exclusively in wood harvesting, but not including portable or stationary sawmills or other equipment used in secondary processing operations. As used in this subdivision, "wood harvesting" means clearing land for forest management purposes, planting trees, all forms of cutting or chipping trees, and loading trees on trucks for removal from the harvest area.
(r) Liquefied petroleum gas tanks located on residential or agricultural property used to store liquefied petroleum gas for residential or agricultural property use.
(s) Water conditioning systems used for a residential dwelling.
(t) For taxes levied after December 31, 2000, aircraft excepted from the registration provisions of the aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.1 to 259.208, and all other aircraft operating under the provisions of a certificate issued under 14 C.F.R. part 121, and all spare parts for such aircraft.

History: 1893, Act 206, Eff. June 12, 1893;--Am. 1895, Act 25, Imd. Eff. Mar. 20, 1895;--CL 1897, 3832;--Am. 1909, Act 309, Eff. Sept. 1, 1909;--CL 1915, 4003;--Am. 1921, Act 297, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;--CL 1929, 3397;--Am. 1931, Act 94, Imd. Eff. May 11, 1931;--Am. 1934, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 10, Imd. Eff. Mar. 19, 1934;--Am. 1935, Act 83, Eff. Sept. 21, 1935;--Am. 1939, Act 232, Eff. Sept. 29, 1939;--CL 1948, 21.9;--Am. 1949, Act 261, Imd. Eff. June 7, 1949;--Am. 1952, Act 213, Imd. Eff. Apr. 30, 1952;--Am. 1953, Act 159, Eff. Oct. 2, 1953;--Am. 1956, Act 206, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956;--Am. 1958, Act 209, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;--Am. 1964, Act 275, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;--Am. 1966, Act 205, Imd. Eff. July 11, 1966;--Am. 1967, Act 259, Imd. Eff. July 19, 1967;--Am. 1968, Act 347, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968;--Am. 1969, Act 169, Imd. Eff. Aug. 5, 1969;--Am. 1971, Act 189, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 1971;--Am. 1974, Act 83, Imd. Eff. Apr. 17, 1974;--Am. 1976, Act 270, Imd. Eff. Oct. 6, 1976;--Am. 1978, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Mar. 10, 1978;--Am. 1984, Act 206, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1984;--Am. 1990, Act 317, Eff. Mar. 28, 1991;--Am. 1993, Act 273, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1993;--Am. 1996, Act 582, Imd. Eff. Jan. 17, 1997;--Am. 2003, Act 140, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.

Compiler's Note: Enacting section 2 of Act 140 of 2003 provides: "Enacting section 2. Section 9 (t) of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9, as added by this amendatory act is retroactive and is effective for taxes levied after December 31, 2000."

TAX ROLL

211.43 Notice of taxes apportioned to township; bond; schedule for delivering tax collections; alternative schedule; accounting for and delivering tax collections; resolution; willfully neglecting or refusing to perform duty; penalty; interest earned; alternative agreement; definitions.

Sec. 43. (1) The supervisor of each township, immediately upon authorization to raise money by taxation pursuant to an election held under section 36 or on or before the November 5 in each year, shall notify the township treasurer of the amount of the state, county, school, and public transportation authority taxes as apportioned to his or her township.
(2) The treasurer, immediately upon authorization to raise money by taxation pursuant to an election held under section 36 or on or before the third day immediately preceding the day the taxes to be collected become a lien, shall give to the county treasurer a bond running to the county in the actual amount of state, county, and school taxes, except school taxes collected through a city treasurer, with sufficient sureties to be approved by the supervisor of the township and the county treasurer, conditioned that he or she will pay over to the county treasurer as required by law all state and county taxes, pay over to the respective school treasurers all school taxes that he or she collects during each year of his or her term of office, and duly and faithfully perform all the other duties of the office of treasurer. If a corporate surety bond is provided, the bond shall be approved only by the county treasurer. If the bond is furnished by a surety company authorized to transact business under the laws of this state, it is sufficient that the bond is equal to 40% of the amount of state, county, and school taxes. If the bond is furnished by a surety company, the premium and cost of the bond given to the county shall be paid by the county treasurer from the general fund of the county against which the premium and cost is made a charge. However, the county treasurer having paid the premium may bill each district school board afforded protection by the bond that portion of the premium charge as is allocated to the school taxes and the school district treasurers shall pay that allocated premium charge

as determined by the county treasurer for the protection of school taxes from available school district funds. If the county treasurer and township supervisor determine that the bond of the township treasurer recorded with the township clerk and on file with the township supervisor is adequate and sufficient to safeguard the proper accounting of state, county, and school taxes as required by law, the township treasurer shall not be required to file with the county treasurer the bond provided for in this section. The county treasurer shall deliver to the supervisor on or before the day the taxes to be collected become a lien a signed statement of approval of the bond. Upon the receipt of the signed statement and on or before the day the taxes to be collected become a lien, the supervisor shall deliver to the township treasurer the tax roll of this township. The county treasurer shall file and safely keep the bond in his or her office and shall give to the township treasurer a receipt stating that the required bond was received, which receipt the township treasurer shall deliver to the supervisor on or before the day the taxes to be collected become a lien. After the delivery of the receipt and on or before the day the taxes to be collected become a lien, the supervisor shall deliver to the township treasurer the tax roll of the township.

(3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5), tax collections shall be delivered pursuant to the following schedule:

(a) Within 10 business days after the first and fifteenth day of each month, the township or city treasurer shall account for and deliver to the county treasurer the total amount of state and county tax collections on hand on the first and fifteenth day of each month; to the school district treasurers the total amount of school tax collections on hand on the first and fifteenth day of each month; and to the public transportation authorities the total amount of public transportation authority tax collections on hand the first and fifteenth day of each month. If the intermediate school district and community college district provide for direct payment pursuant to subsection (9), the township or city treasurer shall also account for and deliver to the intermediate school district and the community college district the total respective amounts of school tax collections on hand the first and fifteenth day of each month. This subdivision shall not apply to the month of March.

(b) Within 10 business days after the last day of February, the township or city treasurer shall account for and deliver to the county treasurer at least 90% of the total amount of state and county tax collections on hand on the last day of February; to the school district treasurers at least 90% of the total amount of school tax collections on hand on the last day of February; and to the public transportation authorities at least 90% of the total amount of public transportation authority tax collections on hand on the last day of February. If the intermediate school district and community college district provide for direct payment pursuant to subsection (9), the township or city treasurer shall also account for and deliver to the intermediate school district and community college district at least 90% of the total respective amounts of school tax collections on hand on the last day of February.

(c) A final adjustment and delivery of the total amount of tax collections on hand for the county, community college districts, intermediate school districts, school districts, and public transportation authorities shall be made not later than April 1 of each year.

(4) Instead of following the schedule prescribed in subsection (3), the township or city serving as the tax collecting unit and the local governmental unit for which the tax collections are made may enter into an agreement to establish an alternative schedule for delivering tax collections.

(5) A township that has a state equalized valuation of $15,000,000.00 or less shall account for and deliver to the county treasurer, the school district treasurers, and the public transportation authorities and, if the intermediate school district and community college district provide for direct payment pursuant to subsection (9), the intermediate school district treasurers and community college treasurers the taxes collected up to and including January 10, within 10 business days after January 10. However, a township treasurer subject to this subsection shall at no time have on hand collections of state, county, community college, intermediate school district if applicable pursuant to subsection (9), school district, and public transportation authority taxes in excess of 25% of the amount of the taxes apportioned to the township and, when collections on hand reach this percentage, the township treasurer shall immediately account for and turn over the total amount of state and county tax collections on hand to the county treasurer, the total respective amounts of school tax collections on hand to the respective treasurers, and the total respective amounts of public transportation authority tax collections on hand to the respective public transportation authorities. The township treasurer shall

notify the secretary or superintendent of each community college district, intermediate school district, and school district applicable and each of the applicable public transportation authorities of the total amount of taxes paid to the respective treasurer or authority, which notification shall show the different funds for which the taxes were collected.
(6) Except as may be provided under section 1613 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 380.1613 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, when a county treasurer is collecting the school district or intermediate school district levy, the county treasurer shall account for and deliver to the appropriate local governmental unit treasurer the tax collections received by the county treasurer within 10 business days after the county treasurer receives the funds.
(7) The county treasurer shall account for and deposit in the county library fund for the use of the county library board, county tax collections received pursuant to a tax levied under section 1 of Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1917, being section 397.301 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, within 10 business days after the county treasurer receives the funds.
(8) The county treasurer shall account for and deliver to the boards of each metropolitan transportation authority the county tax collections for transportation authority purposes received by the county treasurer within 10 business days after the county treasurer receives the funds.
(9) For taxes that become a lien in December 1984 or after 1984, an intermediate school district board or the board of trustees of a community college may provide that a local tax collecting treasurer shall account for and deliver tax collections directly to the respective intermediate school district or community college treasurer pursuant to the schedule contained in subsections (3), (4), and (5) for delivery of the respective taxes to the county treasurer. A resolution shall be adopted at least 60 days before the day taxes to be collected become a lien and shall specify the period for which the resolution is effective. Copies of the resolution shall be transmitted to each local tax collecting treasurer and county treasurer within the intermediate school district or community college district.
(10) By the fifteenth day of each month, the county treasurer shall account for and deliver to the state the collections under the state education tax act, Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 211.901 to 211.906 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, on hand on the last day of the preceding month. By the first day of each month, the county treasurer shall account for and deliver to the state the collections under the state education tax act, Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1993, on hand on or before the fifteenth day of the immediately preceding month. The county treasurer may retain the interest earned on the money collected under Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1993 while held by the county treasurer, as reimbursement for the cost incurred by the county in collecting and transmitting the tax imposed by that act. The money retained by the county treasurer under this section shall be deposited in the treasury of the county in which the tax is collected to the credit of the general fund.
(11) A treasurer who willfully neglects or refuses to perform a duty required by subsections (3) to (8) is subject to the penalty prescribed in section 119(1).
(12) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (10), interest earned by a city, township, or county on collections of taxes levied on or after November 5, 1985 before the tax collections are accounted for and delivered to the respective taxing units pursuant to this section shall also be accounted for and delivered to the respective taxing units on a pro rata basis. Interest earned by a city, township, or county on collections of taxes levied before November 5, 1985 before those collections were accounted for and delivered to the respective taxing units in compliance with the requirements of this section is not subject to claim and retroactive collection by those taxing units. However, interest earned on collections of taxes levied on or after November 5, 1985 and before December 1, 1987 are not subject to claim and retroactive collection unless a claim has been filed in a court of competent jurisdiction before March 1, 1988. This subsection does not apply to interest or penalties imposed by law or charter and does not nullify or prohibit any agreements made between a collecting unit and a taxing unit regarding the earned interest.
(13) If there is an agreement for an alternative schedule for delivering tax collections or for interest earned under subsections (4) and (12), the collection of the state education tax is subject to those provisions of that agreement.
(14) As used in this section:

(a) “Metropolitan transportation authority” means an authority created under the metropolitan transportation authorities act of 1967, Act No. 204 of the Public Acts of 1967, being sections 124.401 to 124.425 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) “Public transportation authority” means an authority created under Act No. 55 of the Public Acts of 1963, being sections 124.351 to 124.359 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1893, Act 206, Eff. June 12, 1893;--CL 1897, 3866;--Am. 1903, Act 28, Eff. Sept. 17, 1903;--Am. 1911, Act 156, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;--CL 1915, 4038;--CL 1929, 3432;--Am. 1933, Act 242, Eff. Oct. 17, 1933;--Am. 1934, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 26, Imd. Eff. Mar. 28, 1934;--Am. 1945, Act 269, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;--CL 1948, 211.43 ;--Am. 1949, Act 267, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;--Am. 1951, Act 103, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1951;--Am. 1977, Act 166, Imd. Eff. Nov. 16, 1977;--Am. 1979, Act 211, Eff. July 1, 1980;--Am. 1984, Act 77, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1984;--Am. 1984, Act 146, Imd. Eff. June 25, 1984;--Am. 1988, Act 169, Imd. Eff. June 17, 1988;--Am. 1994, Act 253, Imd. Eff. July 5, 1994.

Compiler's Note: Section 3 of Act 211 of 1979 provides: “The legislature shall annually appropriate an amount sufficient to make disbursements to local units of government for the necessary cost of any increased level of activity or service, beyond that required of a local unit of government by existing law, which is required by this amendatory act, pursuant to Act No. 101 of the Public Acts of 1979, being sections 21.231 to 21.244 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which implements section 29 of article 9 of the state constitution of 1963.”

PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

Act 62 of 1933

AN ACT to provide limits on the rate of taxation on property; to provide for a division of the rate of taxation between counties, townships, municipal corporations, intermediate school districts, and other local units; to earmark funds raised by increasing the total tax limitation; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts and charters and parts of charters of municipal corporations inconsistent with or contravening the provisions of this act.

History: 1933, Act 62, Imd. Eff. Apr. 25, 1933;--Am. 1947, Act 293, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;--Am. 1994, Act 190, Imd. Eff. June 21, 1994;--Am. 1998, Act 162, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

211.211 County tax allocation board; powers and duties in determining tax rates.

Sec. 11. (1) The board shall examine the budgets and statements of local units that are filed with it, and shall determine the tax rates, exclusive of debt service tax rates, that are required pursuant to its proposed budget. The board may request additional statements and examine financial records to verify the tax rate request of a local unit. For the purpose of determining its tax rate, a local unit shall submit a statement accounting for the amount of money contained in the budget stabilization fund. In submitting the budget to the board, the amount contained in the budget stabilization fund shall not be a factor used by the board in determination of the tax rate, if that amount does not exceed the permitted level of funding for that fund as provided by law.

(2) If the board finds that the total of all tax rates that are required to be levied on property located within the area of a local unit does not exceed the net limitation tax rate, the board shall approve the tax rates as maximum tax rates, except tax rates required to be determined under subsections (3) to (8).

(3) If the board finds that the total of all tax rates that are required to be levied on property located within the area of a local unit exceeds the net limitation tax rate, the board shall proceed according to subsections (4), (5), and (6).

(4) The board shall approve minimum tax rates for the county if other than a charter county, of 3 mills; for community college districts organized after April 15, 1957, of 1/4 of 1 mill; for intermediate school districts, 1/10 of 1 mill; for townships other than charter townships, of 1 mill; and to a first-class school district to be collected and paid by the school district to the public library commission existing in the district for services of an educational nature rendered by the library to the residents of that school district, of .64 mills. If the community college district votes to increase the total tax limitation as provided in section 6 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the board, during the period the increase is in effect, shall not allocate the 1/4 of 1 mill minimum tax rate to the community college district, but the community college district shall raise all of its tax revenues from the amount of increase so voted. A local unit shall not be allowed a tax rate in excess of what is required pursuant to its proposed budget.

(5) The board shall divide the balance of the net limitation tax rate between all local units after due consideration of the needs of the several local units, the importance to the public of functions of local units that may have to be curtailed, the need of local units for construction or repair of public works, the proposed or accomplished transfer of functions from 1 local unit to others, and other facts or matters concerning the operations of local units that the board considers relevant. A local unit shall not be allowed a tax rate in excess of what is required pursuant to its proposed budget. The board shall approve a maximum limitation tax rate to be levied from the tax rate fixed by section 6 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 without approval of the voters for each local unit consisting of the minimum tax rate, if any, provided in subsection (4), added to the tax rate determined under this subsection.

(6) The board shall approve a maximum tax rate for each local unit that votes to increase the total tax rate limitation as provided in the last sentence of the first paragraph of section 6 of article IX of the

state constitution of 1963, and as provided for in this act. The maximum tax rate for each local unit, with other maximum tax rates that may be levied within the area of the local unit, shall not exceed the limitation voted. In approving a maximum limitation tax rate under subsection (5) for the various local units, the board shall not take into consideration any increase of the tax rate limitation voted by a local unit.

(7) The board shall not approve a tax rate for a local unit that does not submit a budget or statements as required.

(8) The approval by the board of a maximum tax rate for a local unit, which will necessitate a reduction in the total proposed expenditures as listed in the budget of the local unit, shall not be construed as a reduction or elimination of any specific items in the list of proposed expenditures, and the board may not reduce or eliminate those specific items. A local unit, in the budget of which a reduction in the total proposed expenditure is necessitated by the action of the board, or of the state tax commission on an appeal, may revise its budget and amend and alter its tax levy to the extent made necessary by that action. Budgets previously prepared to be met from taxes levied pursuant to this act may likewise be revised.

(9) Beginning in 1994, the number of mills that may be allocated by the board under this section shall be reduced by the number of mills in excess of the mills levied under the state education tax act, Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 211.901 to 211.906 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, allocated to a local school district, other than to a first class school district for payment to the public library commission existing in the district, for school district operating purposes in 1993 and the board shall not allocate mills to a local school district for school district operating purposes.

History: 1933, Act 62, Imd. Eff. Apr. 25, 1933;--Am. 1934, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 30, Imd. Eff. Mar. 28, 1934;--Am. 1937, Act 40, Imd. Eff. May 13, 1937;--Am. 1945, Act 158, Imd. Eff. May 16, 1945;--Am. 1947, Act 293, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;--CL 1948, 211.211;--Am. 1952, Act 87, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;--Am. 1957, Act 155, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957;--Am. 1959, Act 88, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1959;--Am. 1964, Act 278, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964;--Am. 1971, Act 139, Imd. Eff. Sept. 29, 1971;--Am. 1975, Act 102, Imd. Eff. June 3, 1975;--Am. 1978, Act 359, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1978;--Am. 1980, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 7, 1980;--Am. 1993, Act 314, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 190, Imd. Eff. June 21, 1994.

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE

Act 300 of 1949

AN ACT to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.

History: 1949, Act 300, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949;--Am. 1957, Act 281, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957;--Am. 1978, Act 507, Eff. July 1, 1979;--Am. 1979, Act 66, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;--Am. 1980, Act 137, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1980;--Am. 1980, Act 518, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;--Am. 1982, Act 310, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 154, Eff. Dec. 1, 1987;--Am. 1988, Act 255, Eff. Oct. 1, 1989;--Am. 1991, Act 98, Imd. Eff. Aug. 9, 1991;--Am. 2000, Act 282, Imd. Eff. July 10, 2000;--Am. 2000, Act 408, Eff. Mar. 28, 2001;--Am. 2002, Act 554, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002.

Compiler's Note: In OAG 6480, issued November 23, 1987, the Attorney General stated: "It is my opinion, therefore, that 1987 PA 154, which fixes maximum speed limit on certain state highways, becomes effective November 29, 1987."

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

257.907 Civil infraction not crime; payment of civil fine and costs; program of treatment, education, or rehabilitation; sanctions; schedule of civil fines and costs; recommended range of civil fines and costs; certification of repair of defective equipment; collection of civil fines or costs; noncompliance with order or judgment; additional assessment; waiver of fines and costs.

Sec. 907. (1) A violation of this act, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of this act, that is designated a civil infraction shall not be considered a lesser included offense of a criminal offense.

(2) If a person is determined pursuant to sections 741 to 750 to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of this act, the judge or district court magistrate may order the person to pay a civil fine of not more than $100.00 and costs as provided in subsection (4). However, for a violation of section 674(1)(s) or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 674(1)(s), the person shall be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not less than $100.00 or more than $250.00. For a violation of section 328, the civil fine ordered under this subsection shall be not more than $50.00. For a violation of section 710d, the civil fine ordered under this subsection shall not exceed $10.00. For a violation of section 710e, the civil fine and court costs ordered under this subsection shall be $25.00. For a violation of section 682 or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 682, the person shall be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not less than $100.00 or more than $500.00. Permission may be granted for payment of a civil fine and costs to be made within a specified period of time or in specified installments, but unless permission is included in the order or judgment, the civil fine and costs shall be payable immediately.

(3) Except as provided in this subsection, if a person is determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction under this act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of this act while driving a commercial motor vehicle, he or she shall be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not more than $250.00. If a person is determined to be responsible or responsible "with explanation" for a civil infraction under section 319g or a local

ordinance substantially corresponding to section 319g, that person shall be ordered to pay costs as provided in subsection (4) and a civil fine of not more than $10,000.00.
(4) If a civil fine is ordered under subsection (2) or (3), the judge or district court magistrate shall summarily tax and determine the costs of the action, which are not limited to the costs taxable in ordinary civil actions, and may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the plaintiff has been put in connection with the civil infraction, up to the entry of judgment. Costs shall not be ordered in excess of $100.00. A civil fine ordered under subsection (2) or (3) shall not be waived unless costs ordered under this subsection are waived. Except as otherwise provided by law, costs are payable to the general fund of the plaintiff.
(5) In addition to a civil fine and costs ordered under subsection (2) or (3) and subsection (4) and the justice system assessment ordered under subsection (14), the judge or district court magistrate may order the person to attend and complete a program of treatment, education, or rehabilitation.
(6) A district court magistrate shall impose the sanctions permitted under subsections (2), (3), and (5) only to the extent expressly authorized by the chief judge or only judge of the district court district.
(7) Each district of the district court and each municipal court may establish a schedule of civil fines, costs, and assessments to be imposed for civil infractions that occur within the respective district or city. If a schedule is established, it shall be prominently posted and readily available for public inspection. A schedule need not include all violations that are designated by law or ordinance as civil infractions. A schedule may exclude cases on the basis of a defendant's prior record of civil infractions or traffic offenses, or a combination of civil infractions and traffic offenses.
(8) The state court administrator shall annually publish and distribute to each district and court a recommended range of civil fines and costs for first-time civil infractions. This recommendation is not binding upon the courts having jurisdiction over civil infractions but is intended to act as a normative guide for judges and district court magistrates and a basis for public evaluation of disparities in the imposition of civil fines and costs throughout the state.
(9) If a person has received a civil infraction citation for defective safety equipment on a vehicle under section 683, the court shall waive a civil fine, costs, and assessments upon receipt of certification by a law enforcement agency that repair of the defective equipment was made before the appearance date on the citation.
(10) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs ordered under subsection (2), (3), or (4) or a justice system assessment ordered under subsection (14), or an installment of the fine, costs, or assessment, may be collected by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under chapter 40 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.4001 to 600.4065, or under chapter 60 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.6001 to 600.6098.
(11) If a person fails to comply with an order or judgment issued pursuant to this section, within the time prescribed by the court, the driver's license of that person shall be suspended pursuant to section 321a until full compliance with that order or judgment occurs. In addition to this suspension, the court may also proceed under section 908.
(12) The court shall waive any civil fine, cost, or assessment against a person who received a civil infraction citation for a violation of section 710d if the person, before the appearance date on the citation, supplies the court with evidence of acquisition, purchase, or rental of a child seating system meeting the requirements of section 710d.
(13) Until October 1, 2003, in addition to any civil fines and costs ordered to be paid under this section, the judge or district court magistrate shall levy an assessment of $5.00 for each civil infraction determination, except for a parking violation or a violation for which the total fine and costs imposed are $10.00 or less. An assessment paid before October 1, 2003 shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the state treasurer to be deposited into the Michigan justice training fund. An assessment ordered before October 1, 2003 but collected on or after October 1, 2003 shall be transmitted by the clerk of the court to the state treasurer for deposit in the justice system fund created in section 181 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.181. An assessment levied under this subsection is not a civil fine for purposes of section 909.
(14) Effective October 1, 2003, in addition to any civil fines or costs ordered to be paid under this section, the judge or district court magistrate shall order the defendant to pay a justice system assessment of $40.00 for each civil infraction determination, except for a parking violation or a violation for which the total fine and costs imposed are $10.00 or less. Upon payment of the assessment, the clerk of the court shall transmit the assessment collected to the state treasury to be

deposited into the justice system fund created in section 181 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.181. An assessment levied under this subsection is not a civil fine for purposes of section 909.

(15) If a person has received a citation for a violation of section 223, the court shall waive any civil fine, costs, and assessment, upon receipt of certification by a law enforcement agency that the person, before the appearance date on the citation, produced a valid registration certificate that was valid on the date the violation of section 223 occurred.

(16) If a person has received a citation for a violation of section 328(1) for failing to produce a certificate of insurance pursuant to section 328(2), the court may waive the fee described in section 328(3)(c) and shall waive any fine, costs, and any other fee or assessment otherwise authorized under this act upon receipt of verification by the court that the person, before the appearance date on the citation, produced valid proof of insurance that was in effect at the time the violation of section 328(1) occurred. Insurance obtained subsequent to the time of the violation does not make the person eligible for a waiver under this subsection.

History: Add. 1978, Act 510, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;--Am. 1980, Act 459, Imd. Eff. Jan. 15, 1981;--Am. 1981, Act 117, Eff. Mar. 31, 1982;--Am. 1982, Act 51, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1982, Act 301, Imd. Eff. Oct. 12, 1982;--Am. 1984, Act 30, Eff. Apr. 28, 1984;--Am. 1984, Act 364, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985;--Am. 1985, Act 1, Eff. July 1, 1985;--Am. 1988, Act 346, Eff. Jan. 1, 1989;--Am. 1989, Act 89, Eff. Sept. 19, 1989;--Am. 1995, Act 287, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1996;--Am. 1998, Act 103, Eff. Aug. 15, 1998;--Am. 2001, Act 214, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 2001;--Am. 2002, Act 534, Eff. Oct. 1, 2002;--Am. 2003, Act 34, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;--Am. 2003, Act 73, Eff. Oct. 1, 2003;--Am. 2004, Act 52, Eff. May 1, 2004;--Am. 2004, Act 62, Eff. May 3, 2004.

DOG LAW OF 1919

Act 339 of 1919

AN ACT relating to dogs and the protection of live stock and poultry from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the determination and payment of damages done by dogs to live stock and poultry; imposing powers and duties on certain state, county, city and township officers and employes, and to repeal Act No. 347 of the Public Acts of 1917, and providing penalties for the violation of this act.

History: 1919, Act 339, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

287.286 Penalties; disposition of fines.

Sec. 26. Any person or police officer, violating or failing or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall pay a fine not less than $10.00 nor more than $100.00, or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not exceeding 3 months, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any person presenting a false claim, knowing it to be false, or receiving any money on such false claim, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall pay a fine of not less than $10.00 nor more than $100.00, or shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not exceeding 3 months, or both such fine and imprisonment. All fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the treasurer of the county to be credited to the library fund of the county.

History: 1919, Act 339, Eff. Aug. 14, 1919;--CL 1929, 5270;--CL 1948, 287.286;--Am. 1969, Act 195, Eff. Mar. 20, 1970.

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

Act 368 of 1978

AN ACT to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates.

History: 1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978;--Am. 1985, Act 198, Eff. Mar. 31, 1986;--Am. 1988, Act 60, Eff. Aug. 1, 1989;--Am. 1988, Act 139, Imd. Eff. June 3, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 361, Eff. Sept. 1, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 170, Imd. Eff. June 17, 1994;--Am. 1998, Act 332, Imd. Eff. Aug. 10, 1998;--Am. 2002, Act 303, Imd. Eff. May 10, 2002;--Am. 2003, Act 234, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 2003.

Compiler's Note: For transfer of the Department of Insurance and Office of the Commissioner on Insurance from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at § 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For transfer of powers and duties of certain health-related functions, boards, and commissions from the Department of Licensing and Regulation to the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-9, compiled at § 338.3501 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For transfer of powers and duties of licensing of substance abuse programs and certification of substance abuse workers in the division of program standards, evaluation, and data services of the center for substance abuse services, from the department of public health to the director of the department of commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1996-1, compiled at § 330.3101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 12

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

333.12601 Definitions.

Sec. 12601. (1) As used in this part:

(a) “Child caring institution” and “child care center” mean those terms as defined in section 1 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1973, being section 722.111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) “County medical care facility” means that term as defined in section 20104.

(c) “Educational facility” means a building owned, leased, or under the control of a public or private school system, college, or university.

(d) “Food service establishment” means a food service establishment as defined in section 12901.

(e) “Health facility” means a health facility or agency licensed under article 17, except a home for the aged, nursing home, county medical care facility, hospice, or hospital long-term care unit.

(f) “Home for the aged” means that term as defined in section 20106.

(g) “Hospice” means that term as defined in section 20106.

(h) “Hospital long-term care unit” means that term as defined in section 20106.

(i) “Licensed premises” means any portion of a building, structure, room, or enclosure in which alcoholic liquor may be sold for consumption on the premises pursuant to a license issued by the Michigan liquor control commission.
(j) “Meeting” means a meeting as defined in section 2 of the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 15.262 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(k) “Nursing home” means that term as defined in section 20109.
(l) “Public body” means a public body as defined in section 2 of the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.
(m) “Public place”, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), means both of the following:
(i) An enclosed, indoor area owned or operated by a state or local governmental agency and used by the general public or serving as a place of work for public employees or a meeting place for a public body, including an office, educational facility, home for the aged, nursing home, county medical care facility, hospice, hospital long-term care unit, auditorium, arena, meeting room, or public conveyance.
(ii) An enclosed, indoor area which is not owned or operated by a state or local governmental agency, is used by the general public, and is 1 of the following:
(A) An educational facility.
(B) A home for the aged, nursing home, county medical care facility, hospice, or hospital long-term care unit.
(C) An auditorium.
(D) An arena.
(E) A theater.
(F) A museum.
(G) A concert hall.
(H) Any other facility during the period of its use for a performance or exhibit of the arts.
(n) “Smoking” or “smoke” means the carrying by a person of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted smoking device.
(2) Public place does not include a private, enclosed room or office occupied exclusively by a smoker, even if the room or enclosed office may be visited by a nonsmoker.
(3) In addition, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles of this code.
History: Add. 1986, Act 198, Eff. Jan. 1, 1987;--Am. 1988, Act 294, Eff. Oct. 1, 1988;--Am. 1988, Act 296, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;--Am. 1988, Act 315, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.
Compiler's Note: For transfer of certain powers and duties of the center for health promotion and chronic disease prevention from the department of public health to the director of the department of community health, see E.R.O. No. 1996-1, compiled at § 330.3101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

333.12603 Smoking in public place or at meeting of public body prohibited; exception; applicability of section.

Sec. 12603. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, an individual shall not smoke in a public place or at a meeting of a public body, except in a designated smoking area.
(2) This section does not apply to a room, hall, or building used for a private function if the seating arrangements are under the control of the sponsor of the function and not under the control of the state or local governmental agency or the person who owns or operates the room, hall, or building.
(3) This section does not apply to a food service establishment or to licensed premises.
(4) This section shall not apply to a private educational facility after regularly scheduled school hours.
History: Add. 1986, Act 198, Eff. Jan. 1, 1987;--Am. 1988, Act 296, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;--Am. 1993, Act 217, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994.

THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE

Act 451 of 1976

AN ACT to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 1977, Act 43, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1977;--Am. 1988, Act 339, Imd. Eff. Oct. 18, 1988;--Am. 1990, Act 161, Imd. Eff. July 2, 1990;--Am. 1995, Act 289, Eff. July 1, 1996;--Am. 2003, Act 179, Imd. Eff. Oct. 3, 2003.

Constitutionality: The Michigan School Reform Act does not violate federal and state constitutional protections, Moore v. Detroit School Reform Board, USCOA docket No. 00-2334 (2002).

Compiler's Note: Senate Bill 393 (SB 393) was enrolled on August 13, 2003, and presented to the governor for her approval on September 8, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. On September 18, 2003, the senate requested that the bill be returned to the senate. The governor granted the senate's request on that same date and returned the bill to that body (without objections), where a motion was made to vacate the enrollment and the motion prevailed. On September 23, 2003, the house of representatives approved a motion to send a letter to the senate agreeing with the senate's request that the governor return SB 393. Neither the Senate Journal nor the House Journal entries reveal any other action taken by the house of representatives regarding the return of SB 393. In order to determine whether SB 393 had become law, as requested, the attorney general examined whether SB 393 was recalled by concurrent action of the house of representatives and the senate within the 14-day period afforded the governor for vetoing a bill under the last sentence of Const 1963, art 4, § 33: "SB 393 was presented to the Governor on September 8, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. The 14-day period afforded for consideration, measured in hours and minutes, therefore expired on September 22, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. While the Senate had acted to recall the bill within that 14-day period (on September 18, 2003), the House did not. Its action concurring in the request to recall SB 393 was not taken until September 23, 2003. In the absence of concurrent action by both houses of the Legislature within the 14-day period, SB 393 was not effectively recalled and 'further legislative action thereon' was not authorized." The attorney general declared that "in the absence of a return of the bill with objections, SB 393 therefore became law by operation of the last sentence of art 4, § 33." OAG, 2003, No. 7139 (October 2, 2003).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

ARTICLE 1

PART 7

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

380.671 Criteria for approval of regional educational media centers; operation of educational media centers; "educational media center" defined; purchase, sale, lease, or loan of equipment; disposition of used or surplus equipment.

Sec. 671. (1) The state board shall establish criteria based on state and national guidelines for approving regional educational media centers for initial and continued funding. Among the criteria shall be:

(a) The establishment of a minimum size for the service area based on pupil enrollment.

(b) Provision for 2 or more intermediate school districts or parts of intermediate school districts to combine to operate an instructional materials center. The combining intermediate school districts

may contract with 1 intermediate school district to administer the center or a cooperative board may be organized.

(c) The designation of a service area which will provide reasonable and efficient lines of communication between the center and the farthest local school district. In sparsely settled areas of the state where a minimum enrollment requirement would necessitate districts of unwieldly geographical size, satellite or subcenters may be established.

(d) Provision for the staffing and administration of a center by qualified personnel having a substantial background of training and experience in the selection, use, evaluation, and application of media materials to education.

(2) An intermediate school board acting singly, or in cooperation with other intermediate school districts, may operate educational media centers to serve public and nonpublic schools in its respective area.

(3) As used in this section, "educational media center" means a program approved by the state board which provides basic educational services to local school districts which may include:

(a) A materials lending library containing 16mm and 8mm motion pictures or improvements thereof with provision for processing and servicing, 35mm slides or improvements thereof, filmstrips, remedial and enrichment programmed instructional materials, disc recordings, and other items.

(b) Duplication service to reproduce transparencies, slides, filmstrips, and charts or improvements thereof.

(c) Magnetic type duplicating service for audio and video tape.

(d) Delivery and dissemination system for materials and services.

(e) Professional leadership training services to local school districts for coordination and assistance with proper utilization of materials and services.

(f) Acquisition and use of materials that will be coordinated with the curriculum of local school districts.

(g) Technical and maintenance service for cooperating districts.

(h) Professional, reference, and informational library materials and services.

(i) Central purchasing of equipment related to media center activities and use in the local school.

(j) Graphics staff to produce transparency masters and charts and to render other production services to teachers.

(4) An educational media center shall not purchase, sell, grant a lease, or loan for more than 30 days, directly or indirectly, equipment for use by other than a public school, nonpublic school, local school district, intermediate school district, community college district, or publicly funded library or library cooperative. This shall not prohibit the disposition of used or surplus equipment by publicly advertised sale.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 1980, Act 157, Imd. Eff. June 12, 1980.

Compiler's Note: In subsection (1)(c), "unwieldly geographical size" evidently should read "unwieldy geographical size."

Admin Rule: R 380.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

ARTICLE 2

PART 16

BOARDS OF EDUCATION; POWERS AND DUTIES GENERALLY

380.1215 Accounting for moneys; fund designations.

Sec. 1215. (1) Operating taxes shall be accounted for under the title of "general fund". The state board may establish other fund designations to clarify further the expenditure classifications for which general fund moneys may be used.

(2) Library money shall be accounted for under the title of "library fund".

(3) Building and site money shall be accounted for under the title of "building and site fund".

(4) Taxes collected for retiring bonded indebtedness shall be accounted for as required by the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 2002, Act 63, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2002.

PART 17

BONDS AND NOTES

***** 380.1351 THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005: See 380.1351.amended *****

380.1351 Borrowing money and issuing bonds; purposes; limitations; bonds or notes as full faith and credit tax limited obligations.

Sec. 1351. (1) Until May 1, 1994, a school district may borrow money and issue bonds of the district to defray all or a part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities, or parts of or additions to those facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of or additions to sites, for school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities; purchasing school buses; participating in the administrative costs of an urban renewal program through which the school district desires to acquire a site or addition to a site for school purposes; refunding all or part of existing bonded indebtedness; or accomplishing a combination of the purposes set forth in this subsection. In addition, until December 31, 1991 a school district may borrow money and issue bonds to defray all or part of the cost of purchasing textbooks.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a school district shall not borrow money or issue bonds for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the district, unless the proposition of borrowing the money or issuing the bonds is submitted to a vote of the school electors of the district at an annual or special election and approved by the majority of the school electors voting on the question. Regardless of the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of the school district, a vote of the school electors is not necessary in order to issue bonds for a purpose described in section 1274a or to issue bonds under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i. For the purposes of this subsection, bonds issued under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611i, shall not be included in computing the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of a school district.

(3) A school district shall not issue bonds under this part for an amount greater than 15% of the total assessed valuation of the district, except as provided in section 1356. A bond qualified under section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and implementing legislation shall not be included for purposes of calculating the 15% limitation. Bonds issued under this part are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, except that bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a may be sold at a public or publicly negotiated sale at the time or times, at the price or prices, and at a discount as determined by the board of the school district.

(4) Bonds or notes issued by a school district or intermediate school district under this part or section 442, 629, or 1274a shall be full faith and credit tax limited obligations of the district pledging the general funds, voted and allocated tax levies, or any other money available for such a purpose and shall not allow or provide for the levy of additional millage for payment of the bond or note without a vote of the qualified electorate of the district.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 1977, Act 43, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1977;--Am. 1985, Act 22, Imd. Eff. May 20, 1985;--Am. 1990, Act 352, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1990;--Am. 1997, Act 152, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1997;--Am. 2002, Act 67, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2002.

***** 380.1351.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 *****

380.1351.amended Borrowing money and issuing bonds; purposes; limitations; bonds or notes as full faith and credit tax limited obligations.

Sec. 1351. (1) Until May 1, 1994, a school district may borrow money and issue bonds of the district to defray all or a part of the cost of purchasing, erecting, completing, remodeling, improving, furnishing, refurnishing, equipping, or reequipping school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities, or parts of or additions to those facilities; acquiring, preparing, developing, or improving sites, or parts of or additions to sites, for school buildings, including library buildings, structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, or other facilities;

purchasing school buses; participating in the administrative costs of an urban renewal program through which the school district desires to acquire a site or addition to a site for school purposes; refunding all or part of existing bonded indebtedness; or accomplishing a combination of the purposes set forth in this subsection. In addition, until December 31, 1991 a school district may borrow money and issue bonds to defray all or part of the cost of purchasing textbooks.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a school district shall not borrow money or issue bonds for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the district, unless the proposition of borrowing the money or issuing the bonds is submitted to a vote of the school electors of the district at a regular or special school election and approved by the majority of the school electors voting on the question. Regardless of the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of the school district, a vote of the school electors is not necessary in order to issue bonds for a purpose described in section 1274a or to issue bonds under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, MCL 388.1611i. For the purposes of this subsection, bonds issued under section 11i of the state school aid act of 1979, MCL 388.1611i, shall not be included in computing the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of a school district.

(3) A school district shall not issue bonds under this part for an amount greater than 15% of the total assessed valuation of the district, except as provided in section 1356. A bond qualified under section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and implementing legislation shall not be included for purposes of calculating the 15% limitation. Bonds issued under this part are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, except that bonds issued for a purpose described in section 1274a may be sold at a public or publicly negotiated sale at the time or times, at the price or prices, and at a discount as determined by the board of the school district.

(4) Bonds or notes issued by a school district or intermediate school district under this part or section 442, 629, or 1274a shall be full faith and credit tax limited obligations of the district pledging the general funds, voted and allocated tax levies, or any other money available for such a purpose and shall not allow or provide for the levy of additional millage for payment of the bond or note without a vote of the qualified electorate of the district.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 1977, Act 43, Imd. Eff. June 29, 1977;--Am. 1985, Act 22, Imd. Eff. May 20, 1985;--Am. 1990, Act 352, Imd. Eff. Dec. 26, 1990;--Am. 1997, Act 152, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1997;--Am. 2002, Act 67, Imd. Eff. Mar. 15, 2002;--Am. 2003, Act 299, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005.

PART 20

LIBRARIES

***** 380.1451 THIS SECTION IS AMENDED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005: See 380.1451.amended *****

380.1451 Public library; establishment; tax for support and maintenance; levy and collection; rate of tax authorized or voted; election.

Sec. 1451. (1) A school district other than a primary school district, by a majority vote of the school electors at an annual or special election, may establish a public library.

(2) The school electors of a school district in which a library is established may vote a district tax for the support of the public library at an annual or special election of the district. The board of the school district may vote a tax for the maintenance and support of the public library.

(3) A tax authorized or voted under this part shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other school district taxes are levied and collected.

(4) The millage allowed under this section may be levied without a vote of the school electors of the school district until the millage authorization expires. The rate of a tax authorized or voted under this section shall not exceed the number of mills levied by the school district under this section in 1993 that were not included in the operating millage reported by the school district to the department as of April 1, 1993 or the number of mills levied by the school district under this section in 1993 that the school district does not want considered as operating millage reported by the school district as of April 1, 1994, whichever is greater.

(5) The board of a school district shall not hold an election to levy mills under this section after December 31, 1993.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 1993, Act 312, Eff. Mar. 15, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 258, Imd. Eff. July 5, 1994.

***** 380.1451.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005 *****

380.1451.amended Public library; establishment; tax for support and maintenance; levy and collection; rate of tax authorized or voted; election.

Sec. 1451. (1) A school district, by a majority vote of the school electors at a regular or special school election, may establish a public library.

(2) The school electors of a school district in which a library is established may vote a district tax for the support of the public library at a regular or special school election of the district. The board of the school district may vote a tax for the maintenance and support of the public library.

(3) A tax authorized or voted under this part shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other school district taxes are levied and collected.

(4) The millage allowed under this section may be levied without a vote of the school electors of the school district until the millage authorization expires. The rate of a tax authorized or voted under this section shall not exceed the number of mills levied by the school district under this section in 1993 that were not included in the operating millage reported by the school district to the department as of April 1, 1993 or the number of mills levied by the school district under this section in 1993 that the school district does not want considered as operating millage reported by the school district as of April 1, 1994, whichever is greater.

(5) The board of a school district shall not hold an election to levy mills under this section after December 31, 1993.

History: 1976, Act 451, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 1977;--Am. 1993, Act 312, Eff. Mar. 15, 1994;--Am. 1994, Act 258, Imd. Eff. July 5, 1994;--Am. 2003, Act 299, Eff. Jan. 1, 2005.

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN ACT

Act 540 of 1982

AN ACT to create the library of Michigan; to create a board of trustees for the library; to establish the qualifications of the state librarian; to provide the powers and duties of the board of trustees, the department of history, arts, and libraries, the state librarian, and certain state officials and agencies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 1995, Act 190, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.11 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "library of Michigan act".

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

397.12 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Board" means the board of trustees of the library created in section 4.

(b) "Department" means the department of history, arts, and libraries.

(c) "Library" means the library of Michigan.

(d) "Rule" means a rule promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 1995, Act 190, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.13 Library of Michigan; creation.

Sec. 3. The library of Michigan is created within the department.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.14 Library board of trustees; creation; duties; meetings; membership; terms; rules; election of chairperson and vice-chairperson; expenses; state librarian as secretary of board.

Sec. 4. (1) A board of trustees of the library is created within the department. The board shall make recommendations to the department on the following matters:

(a) The services the library shall provide.

(b) The manner in which the services shall be provided.

(c) Other matters of general policy concerning the library.

(d) The budget for the library.

(e) Proposed rules governing operations of the library.

(2) The board shall meet not less than 3 times per year, including a meeting to be held in January of each year. The board shall meet also at the call of the chairperson of the board.

(3) The board shall consist of the following:

(a) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member appointed by the house of representatives minority leader.

(c) One member appointed by the senate majority leader.

(d) One member appointed by the senate minority leader.

(e) The director of the department or his or her designee.

(f) A representative of the Michigan library association, appointed by the governor from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Michigan library association.

(g) Two members of the general public who represent users of the state library, appointed by the governor.

(h) One member who is a librarian from a college or university library, appointed by the governor.

(i) One member who is a librarian from a public or private K to 12 system, appointed by the governor.

(j) One member who is a librarian from a public library, appointed by the governor.
(k) One member who is a librarian from a special library, appointed by the governor.
(l) The chief justice of the supreme court or his or her designee.
(4) A member of the board appointed under subsection (3)(a) to (d) shall hold office for a term of 2 years to coincide with the term of office of state representative. Members appointed to the board by the governor under subsection (3) shall hold office for a term of 3 years except that of the members first appointed, 3 shall be appointed for 3 years, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 1 year.
(5) The board shall prescribe rules for its own procedure. Annually, the board shall elect from its membership a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.
(6) The state librarian shall serve as secretary of the board.
History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 1986, Act 98, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986;--Am. 1995, Act 190, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.15 Appointment of state librarian.
Sec. 5. The governor, in consultation with the board and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a state librarian who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.
History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.16 State librarian; duties; coordination of library activities with department director; qualifications of state librarian and assistant state librarian.
Sec. 6. (1) The state librarian shall have care and charge of the library and the administrative functions of the library. The director of the department and the state librarian shall coordinate the activities of the library with the department.
(2) The state librarian shall be a graduate with a master's degree in library science and shall have not less than 4 years' experience in library work in an administrative capacity. Each assistant state librarian shall be a graduate with a master's degree in library science.
History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 1995, Act 190, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.17 Employment of assistants and other employees; transfer to department; exception.
Sec. 7. (1) The department, after consultation with the board, may permit the state librarian to employ other administrative and general assistants and employees as are necessary for the care and management of the library, including the law library branch of the library. Employment shall be offered first to those persons who are employed by the state library on March 30, 1983. No library employee shall convert for personal or partisan use, unrelated to library business, any supplies, services, facilities or staff provided by the state. Nor may a library employee be required to work during paid or unpaid time to affect the result of an election.
(2) Subject to subsection (3), employees of the library on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection shall be transferred to the department in accordance with the department of civil service rules and shall be assumed into the classified service.
(3) The transfer of employees under subsection (2) shall not include 9 employees from the Michigan library and historical center operations and 3 employees from the library's computer website staff operations. Employees who are not transferred under this subsection shall remain employees of the legislative council.
History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.18 Property of library.
Sec. 8. The library shall succeed to the furnishings, building space, records, files, books, documents, and all other property in the possession of the state library on the effective date of this act.
History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

397.19 Library as depository for public documents; exemptions.
Sec. 9. (1) The library shall serve as a depository for each public document issued by a state official, department, board, commission, or agency. Not less than 75 copies of each document or 1 copy in the proper format as determined by the state librarian which is not issued solely for the use of a state

official, department, board, commission, or agency shall be furnished to the library. Additional copies of those documents shall be supplied upon the request of the state librarian.
(2) A publication of a school, college, division, or department of a state supported college or university is exempt from the depository requirements of subsection (1), except that 2 copies of each publication shall be deposited in the library.
(3) A publication of a state supported college or university press, directive for internal administration, an intraoffice or interoffice memorandum, a state form, or other correspondence is exempt from the depository requirements of subsection (1).
History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983.

397.20 Duties of library; maintenance and ownership of website by legislative council.
Sec. 10. (1) The library shall maintain a complete collection of the public documents deposited under section 9 as a permanent reference file. The library is charged primarily with providing reference services to the legislative branch of state government and, in addition, shall provide those services to the executive and judicial branches of state government and the general public. The law library branch is charged primarily with providing reference services to the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state government. Upon request of a member of the legislature, the library shall provide in a timely manner to that individual copies of any information, documents, or other data, including the Michigan compiled laws, that are generated or produced by the legislature or legislative council agencies and all other information, documents, or other data that are in the possession of the library.
(2) The library shall deposit copies of each public document deposited under section 9 in each designated depository library. The depository libraries shall be designated by the state librarian. The state librarian shall designate only those libraries which will keep the documents readily accessible for use and which will render assistance for the use of the documents without charge.
(3) The library also shall do all of the following:
(a) Send 1 copy of each public document deposited under section 9 to the library of congress.
(b) Prepare and issue quarterly, a complete list of public documents deposited under section 9 during the immediately preceding quarter. The lists shall be cumulated and printed at the end of each calender year. A copy shall be distributed by the library to state departments, legislators, and to public and college libraries within the state.
(c) Establish a document exchange system with agencies in other states to make available selected documents published by other states for use by the people of this state.
(d) Exchange the judicial decisions, statutes, journals, legislative and executive documents of this state, and other books placed in the care of the library for the purpose of exchange with the libraries of other states, the government of the United States, foreign countries, and societies and institutions.
(e) Sell or exchange duplicate volumes or sets of works not needed for use in the library and apply the proceeds to the purchase of other books for the library.
(f) Further, by all appropriate means, the development of effective, statewide school library services.
(g) Encourage contractual and cooperative arrangements between and among all kinds of libraries for the improvement of library services to the people of this state.
(h) Coordinate the library's library services with the library services of all kinds of libraries.
(i) Collect, preserve, and publish appropriate statistics on all kinds of libraries in the state.
(j) Conduct research and publish the results for the benefit of all kinds of libraries and the library services to the people of the state.
(k) Provide all services which the state library was authorized to provide immediately preceding March 30, 1983.
(l) Under the authority granted by law, promote and advance library science in this state.
(m) Seek grants to extend or enhance library services.
(4) The legislative council shall maintain a website containing information, documents, and other data generated by the legislature or legislative council agencies. On the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the library shall do both of the following:
(a) Transfer ownership of all computer hardware and software directly or indirectly associated with the Michiganlegislature.org website to the legislative council.

(b) Transfer ownership of the internet domain name "Michiganlegislature.org" to the legislative council.

(5) Upon request of the legislative council, the library shall provide to the legislative council copies of any information, documents, or other data, including the Michigan compiled laws database, generated or produced by the legislature or legislative council agencies that will assist the legislative council in carrying out its responsibilities under subsection (4).

(6) On October 1, 2001, money appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, necessary for the operation of the Michiganlegislature.org website and to fund the positions that are retained by the legislative council in section 7(3) shall be transferred to the legislative council.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1983, Act 114, Imd. Eff. July 12, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

Compiler's Note: In the second sentence of subdivision (3)(b), the word "calender" should evidently read "calendar."

397.20a Rules.

Sec. 10a. The department, in consultation with the board, may promulgate rules related to the operations of the library.

History: Add. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.21 Annual report of state librarian.

Sec. 11. The state librarian shall report annually to the governor and to the legislature on the operations of the library and on the progress made in automating the operations of the library.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 62, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.22 Repeal of §§ 397.51 to 397.59, 397.1 to 397.8, and 16.409.

Sec. 12. The following acts or parts of acts are repealed:

(a) Act No. 28 of the Public Acts of 1895, being sections 397.51 to 397.59 of the Compiled Laws of 1970.

(b) Act No. 106 of the Public Acts of 1937, being sections 397.1 to 397.8 of the Compiled Laws of 1970.

(c) Section 309 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, being section 16.409 of the Compiled Laws of 1970.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

397.23 Repealed. 1986, Act 98, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1986.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section read: "Effective October 1, 1986, this act is repealed."

397.24 Conditional effective date.

Sec. 14. This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 201 of the 81st Legislature is enacted into law.

History: 1982, Act 540, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

Compiler's Note: Senate Bill No. 201, referred to in this section, was approved by the Governor on January 17, 1983, and became P.A. 1982, No. 541, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

DISTRIBUTION OF PENAL FINES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Act 59 of 1964

AN ACT to provide for the distribution of penal fines and their application to the support of public libraries; to provide for the appointment of a county library board to receive penal fines; to define its powers and duties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.31 Public libraries; definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Public library" means a library, the whole interests of which belong to the general public, lawfully established for free public purposes by any 1 or more counties, cities, townships, villages, school districts or other local governments or any combination thereof, or by any general or local act, but shall not include a special library such as a professional or technical library or a school library.

(b) "Qualified public library" means any public library which is open to and available to the public at least 10 hours per week or any library which has a contract with a public library board to furnish library services to the public.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.32 Penal fines; apportionment to county library boards.

Sec. 2. The proceeds of all fines for any breach of the penal laws of this state when collected in any county and paid into the county treasury, together with all moneys heretofore collected and paid into the county treasury on account of such fines and not already apportioned, shall be apportioned by the county treasurer in accordance with the directions of the state board for libraries, as provided in section 8, before August 1 of each year among those public libraries and county libraries established under Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended, being sections 397.301 to 397.305 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, or Act No. 250 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, being sections 397.151 to 397.158 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, or county library boards in each county entitled to such fines under this act on a per capita basis determined by the population of the governmental unit supporting the library according to the latest decennial or special federal census.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.33 County library board; duties; membership, appointment, terms; contracts for service.

Sec. 3. In any county where there is no public library, or in any county within the boundaries of which there are municipalities which have not established public library service or which do not maintain public libraries, the county board of supervisors shall appoint a county library board to receive the per capita portion of penal fine moneys to be allocated for such areas. The county library board shall consist of 5 members appointed by the county board of supervisors for terms of 5 years each, except that the first members shall be appointed for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years respectively. The board may contract with a qualified public library, within or without the county, to provide public library service for all residents of the county without legal access to a public library.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.34 County library board; powers as to new library.

Sec. 4. If, after the appointment of the county library board, the board of supervisors votes to establish a public library as authorized by Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended, then the county library board appointed under section 3 shall become the governing body of the county library. In addition to the powers and duties granted in Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended, the county library board shall have all of the powers and duties granted to county library boards by this act.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.35 County contracting for service; apportionment of funds; allocation to more than 1 public library.

Sec. 5. (1) If any municipality within a county has not established a public library but is contracting for public library service with the governing body of a legally established public library, it is entitled to receive its per capita share of the penal fine moneys the same as if it had a legally established public library. The moneys shall be used for the provision of public library service for all residents of the municipality.

(2) If any municipality within a county is supporting more than 1 public library, the penal fines shall be allocated to each public library in ratio to the tax support provided by the municipality to the respective public libraries.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.36 Use of penal fine moneys; report.

Sec. 6. The penal fine moneys when received by the proper authorities shall be applied exclusively to the support of public libraries and to no other purpose except as provided in section 7. A report shall be made annually to the state board for libraries as to the receipt and expenditures of the penal fine moneys, and other public moneys, by the governing boards of the public libraries or by the county library boards.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.37 Construction of act as to county law libraries.

Sec. 7. This act shall not be construed as affecting the provisions of sections 4845 and 4851 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being sections 600.4845 and 600.4851 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.38 Statement of eligible libraries.

Sec. 8. The state board for libraries, prior to July 15 of each year, shall transmit to the clerk and treasurer of each county a statement of the public libraries or the library boards established under section 3 in his county that are entitled to receive penal fines and the population served by each.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.39 Rules and regulations.

Sec. 9. The state board for libraries may adopt such rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this act as may be deemed expedient, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 88 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, being sections 24.71 to 24.82 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, and subject to Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1952, as amended, being sections 24.101 to 24.110 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

397.40 Repeal.

Sec. 10. Sections 906, 910, 911, 912, 913 and 915 of Act No. 269 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, being sections 340.906, 340.910, 340.911, 340.912, 340.913 and 340.915 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, are repealed.

History: 1964, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 12, 1964.

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Act 234 of 1964

AN ACT to make appropriations to supplement former appropriations for certain state agencies and special purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964; and to declare the intent of the act.

History: 1964, Act 234, Imd. Eff. May 27, 1964.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.126 Library construction; federal funds; report.

Sec. 6. The state library is hereby authorized to accept, and use, federal funds for library construction under the provisions of Title II, P.L. 88-269, subject to the approval of the department of administration. A detailed report shall be submitted to the legislature not later than January 31 of each year.

History: 1964, Act 234, Imd. Eff. May 27, 1964.

LIBRARY NETWORK ACT OF 1971

Act 371 of 1972

AN ACT to establish a library network and to prescribe the duties and qualifications of libraries in networks.

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.131 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "library network act of 1971".

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

397.132 "Library network" defined; administrative leadership.

Sec. 2. As used in this act "library network" means the connecting of the largest research libraries in the state for the express purpose of making their collections available to all citizens in the state through interlibrary loan. The state library shall assume administrative leadership in this network concept and shall designate participating libraries.

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

397.133 Eligibility of library for membership in network; connection to state library; agreement.

Sec. 3. A library shall maintain a collection of at least 1,000,000 volumes in order to be eligible for membership in the network. A library shall be connected to the state library by means of electronic equipment and shall agree to supply for interlibrary loan any volume in its collection, not in use, except rare volumes, reference works, books on reserve for course work, volumes of serials, fragile materials, and all other library materials which are not loaned under its regulations.

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

397.134 Administration of interlibrary loan service.

Sec. 4. The state library in Lansing shall administer the interlibrary loan service for the state.

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

397.135 Application for inclusion in network.

Sec. 5. A library meeting the requirements specified for inclusion in the network shall apply to the state board of education, indicating its compliance with the provisions of this act.

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

397.136 Rules.

Sec. 6. The state board of education may promulgate rules for administration of this act in accordance with and subject to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

History: 1972, Act 371, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1973.

REGIONAL LIBRARIES

Act 250 of 1931

AN ACT to provide for the establishment and maintenance of regional libraries; to provide for boards of trustees to have control of such libraries; to provide for the powers and duties of the state board for libraries in connection with such libraries; and to provide for the support of such libraries by counties.

History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.151 Regional libraries; plan for establishment and location.

Sec. 1. The state board for libraries shall develop a plan for the establishment and location of regional libraries throughout the state based on a detailed survey of the needs of the various localities of the state. A region shall include 2 or more counties.

History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.151;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

397.152 Proposal to establish regional libraries; referral to county board of supervisors.

Sec. 2. On completion of the survey of any proposed region, the proposal to establish a regional library shall be referred to the boards of supervisors of all counties included in such proposed region. The boards of supervisors shall act upon such proposal by resolution, and the votes of a majority of the members-elect of the board of supervisors in each of the counties included in the proposed region shall be necessary for the adoption of such proposal. In case of the rejection of such proposal by the boards of supervisors of any of the counties included in such proposed region, the plan may be altered in accordance with such action in order to provide for a regional library in such section of the state. The vote of a majority of the members-elect of the board of supervisors in each of the counties in such altered region shall be necessary for the adoption of such proposal.

History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.152;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

397.153 Board of trustees; membership, appointment, term, vacancies, expenses.

Sec. 3. Upon the adoption of the regional library proposal, each board of supervisors shall name members to a library board, the members to be chosen from the citizens at large of each county with reference to their fitness for office. Not more than 1 member of the board of supervisors of each county shall be at any one time a member of said library board. Each county shall be entitled to 2 members on the regional library board, the members to be appointed for a term of 4 years each, except that the first members shall be appointed, 1 for 2 years and 1 for 4 years, or until their successors have been appointed. In the case of only 2 counties joining in the regional library, the library board shall consist of not more than 4 members from each county, each for a term of 4 years, except that the first members shall be appointed, 2 for 2 years and 2 for 4 years, or until their successors have been appointed. Vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled in like manner as the original appointments. Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation except their actual and necessary expenses.

History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1947, Act 159, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;--CL 1948, 397.153;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

397.154 Repealed. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section provided for regional librarian and set forth qualifications.

397.155 Board of trustees; powers.

Sec. 5. The board of trustees of each regional library so established shall have the following powers:

(a) To establish, maintain and operate a public library for the region.

(b) To appoint a professionally qualified librarian, and the necessary assistants, and to fix their compensation. Said board shall also have the power to remove said librarian and other assistants.

(c) To purchase books, periodicals, equipment and supplies.

(d) To purchase sites and erect buildings, or to lease suitable quarters, and to have supervision and control of such property.
(e) To borrow books from and lend books to other libraries.
(f) To enter into contracts to receive service from or give service to libraries within or without the region and to give service to municipalities without the region which have no libraries.
(g) To have exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund.
(h) To make such bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act as may be expedient for their own government and that of the library.
History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.155;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

397.156 Appropriation for regional libraries; budget, disbursement.

Sec. 6. Sums necessary for the establishment and operation of regional libraries shall be provided by the boards of supervisors of each of the counties included in such region by an appropriation from the general fund of the respective counties, or by a tax levy for this purpose authorized by a vote of the qualified electors in each of the counties. A budget shall be proposed annually by the board of trustees of the regional library to the boards of supervisors of the counties in the region. Upon approval of such budget by a majority of each of said boards of supervisors, the proposed budget shall be effective in all counties in the region. All appropriations shall be paid to the board of trustees and disbursed under its direction by the county treasurer of the county designated by the regional library board as depository for the regional library fund.
History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1945, Act 20, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;--Am. 1947, Act 159, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;--CL 1948, 397.156;--Am. 1956, Act 149, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

397.157 Cities exempt from act; notification when included in proposal.

Sec. 7. Cities of a population of 5,000 or more, maintaining a public library, may be exempted from the provisions of this act on the filing with the state board for libraries of a request by the city legislative body based on action taken by them according to law. Where any such city is included in any regional library proposal the state board for libraries shall notify each city so included in writing of the provisions of this section 15 days before the reference of any regional library proposal under the provisions of section 2.
History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1945, Act 20, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;--CL 1948, 397.157;--Am. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

397.158 Municipal libraries; transfer to regional libraries.

Sec. 8. After the establishment of a regional library as provided for in this act, the township board, the legislative body of any city or village, the board of education of any school district or the board of supervisors of any municipality in the region, already maintaining a public, school or county library, may notify the board of trustees of the regional library that such township, city, village, school district or county library may be transferred to, leased to, or used by said board of trustees of the regional library under such terms as may mutually be agreed upon between the said board of trustees and the respective township boards, city or village legislative bodies, boards of education or boards of supervisors.
History: 1931, Act 250, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.158.

397.159 Repealed. 1961, Act 116, Eff. Sept. 8, 1961.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section authorized state librarian to establish rules and regulations he deemed necessary.

THE DISTRICT LIBRARY ESTABLISHMENT ACT

Act 24 of 1989

AN ACT to provide for the establishment and maintenance of district libraries; to provide for district library boards; to define the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental entities; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 1998, Act 176, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.171 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as “the district library establishment act”.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.172 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Agreement" means a district library agreement required by section 3 or the agreement governing a district library established under former 1955 PA 164.

(b) "Board" means a district library board.

(c) "Department" means the department of history, arts, and libraries.

(d) "District" means the territory of the participating municipalities that is served by a district library established under this act.

(e) "General election" means that term as defined in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

(f) "Largest" means, if used in reference to a participating school district, the participating school district having the most electors voting at the last regularly scheduled school board election in the participating school district.

(g) "Largest" means, if used in reference to a county, the county having the most registered electors of a district as last reported to the county clerk under section 661 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.661.

(h) "Legislative body" means, if the municipality is a school district, the school board.

(i) "Municipality" means a city, village, school district, township, or county. Municipality shall not include a school district for the purpose of establishing a new district library after January 1, 2015.

(j) "Participating" means, in reference to a municipality, that the municipality is a party to an agreement.

(k) "School district" means 1 of the following but does not include a primary school district or a school district that holds meetings rather than elections:

(i) "Local act school district" as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

(ii) "Local school district" as that term is used in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(l) "State librarian" means the librarian appointed under section 5 of the library of Michigan act, 1982 PA 540, MCL 397.15.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2001, Act 64, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.173 Joint establishment of district library; requirements; portion of municipality to be included in district library; excluded portion; resolution; documents to be filed with state librarian; review; approval of agreement; amendment of boundaries; effect of excluded territory; single municipality.

Sec. 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (13), 2 or more municipalities, except 2 or more school districts that hold their regularly scheduled elections on different dates, authorized by law to establish and maintain a library or library services may jointly establish a district library if each of the following requirements is satisfied:

(a) If the proposed district contains a public library, other than a district library established under this act, and that public library is recognized by the department as lawfully established for purposes of the distribution of state aid and penal fines, the governing board of the public library approves the establishment of the district library.

(b) The legislative body of each municipality identified in the agreement described in section 4 adopts a resolution providing for the establishment of a district library and approving a district library agreement.

(c) The proposed district library district does not overlap any portion of another district library district.

(2) A participating municipality may provide in the resolution required by subsection (1) that only a portion of its territory is included in the district library district. Except as provided in subsection (3), the portion of a participating municipality included in a district library district shall be bounded by county, township, city, village, or school district boundaries.

(3) A city, village, or township may exclude from a district library district only that portion of the municipality's territory located within the boundaries of a public library that is all of the following:

(a) Recognized by the department as lawfully established for the purposes of the distribution of state aid and penal fines.

(b) Established under this act or any of the following acts:

(i) 1877 PA 164, MCL 397.201 to 397.217.

(ii) The revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(iii) 1917 PA 138, MCL 397.301 to 397.305.

(4) On or before October 1, 1998, the boards of district libraries having common jurisdiction over parcels of taxable property shall file with the state librarian copies of resolutions adopted by each, together with a copy of a map described in subsection (5), certifying the exclusion of territory from one or the other of the district library districts. The resolution and the map shall demonstrate that no parcels of taxable property remain within more than 1 district library district and shall additionally demonstrate that the remaining district library districts are each composed of a contiguous whole. If the boards of district library districts having common jurisdiction over parcels of taxable property have not filed such resolutions and maps with the state librarian by October 1, 1998, the department shall approve a change in the boundaries of those district libraries, eliminating the overlapped territory. The department shall obtain a statement identifying the parcels that are located in the overlapping territory from the treasurer of each county within which the district library district is located and a statement of the date on which such parcels were first included within the territory of a district library district established in accordance with this act. The department shall direct the district library board to ensure that any parcel that was originally located within the boundaries of a district library district remain in that original district library district and be excluded from the territories of the other district library districts in which it is located.

(5) Participating municipalities that propose to establish a district library shall file with the state librarian both of the following:

(a) A copy of an agreement described in section 4 that identifies the proposed library district.

(b) A copy of a map or drawing that is no smaller than 8-1/2 by 11 inches or larger than 14 by 18 inches and clearly shows the territory proposed to be included in the district library district. The map shall unambiguously show the relationship of the proposed district library district to the adjacent and constituent units of government, which include counties, cities, villages, townships, school districts, and district libraries.

(6) The state librarian shall review the agreement described in section 4 and the map described in subsection (5)(b) and approve or disapprove of the proposed district library district in accordance with section 5. The participating municipalities shall cooperate with the state librarian to correct any errors or changes in the agreement or map that the state librarian considers necessary to comply with this act.

(7) Upon receiving notice of the state librarian's approval of an agreement described in section 4, upon receiving notice of a directive from the department in accordance with subsection (4), or upon

expiration of the 10-day period described in subsection (11), the secretary of the board of the affected district library shall submit to the county treasurer of each county in which the district library district is located and to the treasurer of each municipality in which the district library district is located a copy of all of the following:

(a) The state librarian's written statement of approval for the district library issued in accordance with section 5 or the department's directive received in accordance with subsection (4).

(b) The map or drawing of the district library's territory described in subsection (5)(b).

(c) If the district library includes only a portion of a municipality, the tax identification number of each parcel of property within that municipality which is included in the district library district.

(8) Once an agreement is approved by the state librarian, the agreement and boundaries of a district library established under this act may be amended to do only the following:

(a) Provide for the withdrawal of a participating municipality in accordance with section 24.

(b) Add a participating municipality in accordance with section 25.

(c) Provide for the merging of 2 or more district libraries.

(d) Eliminate certain territory in accordance with subsection (10).

(9) For any amendment described in subsection (8), the secretary of the board of the district library shall file with each of the following a copy of the map or drawing of the amended boundaries approved by the participating municipalities:

(a) The county treasurer of each county in which the district library is situated.

(b) The department.

(10) A district library recognized by the legislative council before December 29, 1997 may amend its boundaries to eliminate territory located within the legal boundaries of a public library or another district library district, if that public library or other district library is recognized by the department as lawfully established for the purposes of the distribution of state aid and penal fines. The procedures for amending an agreement under section 5 do not apply to a boundary amendment described in this subsection. A district library that amends its boundaries under this subsection shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) The board of the district library adopts a resolution designating the territory to be excluded from its boundaries.

(b) The proposed amended boundaries exclude only that territory which is within the legal boundaries of a public library established under this act or any of the following acts and recognized by the department as lawfully established for the purposes of the distribution of state aid and penal fines:

(i) 1877 PA 164, MCL 397.201 to 397.217.

(ii) The revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(iii) 1917 PA 138, MCL 397.301 to 397.305.

(c) The district library files with the state librarian a copy of the resolution of the board described in subdivision (a) together with a map or drawing that complies with the requirements of subsection (5)(b).

(11) If a district library complies with subsection (4) or (10) and the state librarian does not disapprove the amended boundaries within 10 business days after receiving the map or drawing described in subsection (10)(c), the boundaries are amended.

(12) The territory that has been excluded from any district library district under subsection (4) or (10) shall remain a part of the district library district from which it has been excluded for the purpose of levying debt retirement taxes for bonded indebtedness of the district library district that exists on December 29, 1997. The territory shall remain a part of that district library district until the bonds are redeemed or sufficient funds are available in the debt retirement fund of the district library for that purpose.

(13) Except for a school district and with the approval of the state librarian, a single municipality may establish a district library under this section if each of the following requirements is satisfied:

(a) The municipality has made an assertive effort over a period of time of not less than 3 consecutive years to form a district library with 1 or more other municipalities.

(b) The municipality has submitted to and received the state librarian's approval of a plan of service.

(c) The municipality has a population of 4,500 or more.

(d) The municipality is otherwise qualified and meets the requirements of a district library under this act.

(e) Any other requirements considered necessary by the state librarian to ensure that a district library created under this section complies with the intent of this act.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 1997, Act 160, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1997;-- Am. 2001, Act 64, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.173a Referendum on question of becoming district library or joining existing district library; filing, approval, and review of petition; approval by electors; establishment of new-district library; appointment of interim board; vote by district library board to accept or reject new proposed participating municipality.

Sec. 3a. (1) Upon petition by not less than 5% of the registered electors residing in the affected municipality, municipalities, or the portion of a municipality, requesting a referendum on the question of becoming a district library or joining an existing district library, the clerk of each affected municipality, upon verifying the required number of signatures on the petitions, shall file a copy of the petition with the department and submit the question of whether the municipality should become a participating municipality to the vote of the electors of the municipality at the next general election or special election called for that purpose and conducted in accordance with the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

(2) If the question of the petition under subsection (1) relates to the joining of an existing district library, before circulating the petition for signatures, the supporters of the petition may submit the proposal and the petition language to the existing district library board for review and approval. The district library board shall vote by resolution to accept or reject the proposed new participating municipality within 30 days of receiving a copy of the proposed petition. If the proposal is approved by the district library board and the referendum is passed by the electors, the district library shall amend its agreement to incorporate the new participating municipality.

(3) The referendum submitted to the electors under this section shall include a request for a millage to fund the new district or the municipality's obligation to the existing district. For district libraries with appointed boards, the referendum shall include language regarding the appointment of new members to represent any new participating municipality.

(4) If approved by a majority of the electors in the affected municipality voting on the question, the municipality shall proceed to become a participating municipality in the manner provided under this act.

(5) A new district library established under this section shall consist of 2 or more municipalities and be governed by an elected board as provided under section 11. The board required under this subsection shall be elected not later than 1 year from the date the electors approve the new district.

(6) If a new district library is created under this section, each participating municipality shall appoint members to an interim governing board in a number proportional to its population in relationship to the entire district. The interim board shall prepare and submit the agreement and map required by this act to the department no later than 180 days from the date the electors approve the new district. If the agreement and map are not submitted as required by this subsection, the agreement and map shall be prepared by the state librarian.

(7) If the district library board has not approved the new participating municipality under subsection (2) and the petition is submitted to the electors for approval and passes, the board of the district library shall vote within 30 days following certification of the election results whether to accept or reject the new proposed participating municipality. If the new participating municipality is accepted, the district library shall amend its agreement to incorporate the new participating municipality.

History: Add. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.173b Merging of district libraries; requirements; districtwide library tax.

Sec. 3b. (1) Two or more district libraries may merge if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) The governing boards of the district libraries by majority vote approve that the district libraries merge and that all territory located within their jurisdictional service areas are included in the merger.

(b) The approving resolution is conditioned upon majority vote of approval by the governing boards of all participating municipalities, within a period of time specified in the resolution.
(c) By a majority vote of the members of the district library boards, amend the agreement to reflect the merger of the libraries and the territory served by the merger.
(d) The amendments to the agreement shall include, but are not limited to, changes in board representation, the percentage of funds necessary from each participating municipality for the establishment and operation of the merged district libraries, a revised legal description of the district, and a map that clearly shows the revised service area of the new district library.
(e) That all amendments and resolutions are submitted to the state librarian.

(2) If there is a districtwide library tax being levied by a participating library at the time of the merger, the tax will remain in effect and can be considered as a portion or all of that library's contribution in the merger. A districtwide tax will be extinguished upon the approval of a merged district library districtwide tax by the majority of the electorate residing in the merged district libraries' jurisdictional limits.

History: Add. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.174 District library agreement; provisions.

Sec. 4. (1) The agreement shall provide for all of the following:
(a) The name of the district. For a district that is created on or after the effective date of the amendatory act that added section 3a, the name shall include the word "district".
(b) The identity of the municipalities establishing the district library.
(c) The creation of a board to govern the operation of the district and the method of selection of board members, whether by election or appointment. If board members are selected by appointment, the agreement shall provide for the term of office, the total number of board members, and the number of board members to be appointed by the legislative body of each participating municipality. If board members are selected by election, the agreement shall provide for the number of provisional board members to be appointed by the legislative body of each participating municipality.
(d) Of the amount of money to be stated in the annual budget under section 13, the percentage to be supplied by each participating municipality.
(e) The procedure for amending the agreement, which shall require the consent of the legislative bodies of not less than 2/3 of the participating municipalities.
(f) A period of time after the effective date of the agreement, not less than 1 year, during which the adoption of a resolution to withdraw from the district library under section 24 shall be void.
(g) Any distribution of district library assets to take place upon the withdrawal of a participating municipality.
(h) Any other necessary provisions regarding the district library.

(2) A district library agreement may provide that the district library board is abolished and the district library terminates unless, on or before a date stated in the agreement, the district electors approve a district library millage at a rate not less than a minimum number of mills stated in the agreement. If the district library agreement contains such a provision, the district library agreement shall specify the manner in which the net assets of the district library shall be distributed to the participating municipalities upon termination and shall contain a plan for continuing public library service to all residents of the district after termination.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.175 Submission of agreement and amendment to state librarian; approval or disapproval of agreement, amendment, or revision; statement.

Sec. 5. (1) The legislative bodies of the municipalities that establish a district library shall submit the agreement to the state librarian within 10 days following the date on which the agreement is adopted. A board shall submit an amendment to the agreement to the state librarian within 10 days following the date on which the amendment is adopted.

(2) The state librarian shall approve an agreement or an amendment to an agreement submitted pursuant to subsection (1) or a revision in board structure submitted pursuant to section 6 if it conforms to the requirements of this act and shall disapprove the agreement, amendment, or revision if it does not conform to the requirements of this act. Within 30 days following the date on which the

state librarian receives an agreement, amendment, or revision, the state librarian shall send to the board or the legislative bodies that submitted the agreement, amendment, or revision a written statement of approval or disapproval. If the state librarian disapproves the agreement, amendment, or revision, the state librarian shall explain in the written statement the reasons for the disapproval, and the department shall not recognize the district library as lawfully established for purposes of the distribution of state aid and penal fines until the state librarian approves an amendment or revision that causes the agreement to conform to the requirements of this act. If the state librarian fails to send a written statement of approval or disapproval within 30 days following the date on which the state librarian receives the agreement, amendment, or revision, it shall be considered approved.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2001, Act 64, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001

397.176 Organizational plan; revision of board structure and selection.

Sec. 6. Within 1 year after May 22, 1989, the board of a district library established pursuant to former 1955 PA 164 shall submit to the state librarian an organizational plan including the information required to be set forth in an agreement under section 4(1) and shall revise the board structure and selection to conform to section 9 or to sections 10 and 11. If the board of a district library established pursuant to former 1955 PA 164 complies with this section and the state librarian does not disapprove the revision of board structure and selection, the district library shall be considered to be established pursuant to this act.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2002, Act 540, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002

397.177 District library as authority.

Sec. 7. A district library established pursuant to this act constitutes an authority under section 6 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.178 Candidate for appointment or election as board member; qualifications; vacancy in office of board member.

Sec. 8. (1) An individual appointed as a board member shall be a qualified elector of the participating municipality that appoints the member on the date the appointment is made. A candidate for election as a board member shall be a qualified elector of a participating municipality on the deadline for filing nominating petitions. A candidate for appointment or election shall be a resident of the district.
(2) The office of board member becomes vacant when the incumbent dies, resigns, is convicted of a felony, is removed from office by the governor pursuant to section 10 of article V of the state constitution of 1963, or ceases to be a resident of the district. In addition, the office of an appointed board member becomes vacant when the incumbent ceases to be a resident of the participating municipality that appointed the incumbent.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.179 Appointed board members; number; right to appoint; term; vacancy.

Sec. 9. If an agreement prescribes appointed board members, the board shall consist of not fewer than 5 and not more than 8 members. The agreement may provide that the right to appoint 1 or more board members rotates between 2 or more municipalities. A term shall not be more than 4 years. A member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the participating municipality that appointed the member whose position is vacant.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.180 Repealed. 2002, Act 159, Eff. Jan. 1, 2003.

Compiler's Notes: The repealed section pertained to election of board members.

397.180a Violation of §§ 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.

Sec. 10a. A petition under section 10 or 11, including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.
History: Add. 1998, Act 176, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999

397.181 Election of board members of district library; provisions applicable where school district is participating municipality; amendment of agreement.

Sec. 11. (1) Except as otherwise provided under subsections (2) and (3), all of the following apply to an election of board members of a district library:

(a) If an agreement prescribes elected board members, the board shall consist of 7 members elected at large from the district.

(b) If an agreement prescribes elected board members, a provisional board of 7 members shall be appointed. The members of the provisional board shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

(c) The first election of board members shall take place at the first general election held 140 days or more after the appointment of the first member of the provisional board. The 4 persons receiving the most votes at the first election for board members shall have 4-year terms, and the 3 remaining persons elected to the board shall have 2-year terms. After the first election, board members shall be elected at general elections for 4-year terms that begin on January 1 following the election.

(d) Board members shall be elected on nonpartisan ballots.

(e) Subject to subdivision (f), a nomination for the office of board member shall be by nonpartisan petitions signed by registered electors of the district. The number of signatures shall be as follows:

(i) For a district with a population of less than 10,000, not less than 6 or more than 20.

(ii) For a district with a population of 10,000 or more, not less than 40 or more than 100.

(f) In lieu of the nominating petition prescribed in this subsection, an individual may file a $100.00 nonrefundable fee to have his or her name placed on the ballot.

(g) A nominating petition or filing fee shall be filed with the clerk of the largest county not later than 4 p.m. of the day 110 days before the date of the election. The county clerk with whom nominating petitions or filing fees are filed shall certify the names of the candidates to the clerk of every other county in which all or part of a participating municipality is located.

(h) A vacancy in the office of a board member shall be filled until the expiration of the vacating board member's term by appointment by majority vote of the remaining board members. If the vacancy occurs 140 or more days before the first regularly scheduled election of board members that follows the beginning of the term of the board member vacating office and that term is 4 years, all of the following apply:

(i) The vacancy shall be filled by appointment by majority vote of the remaining board members only until the next date on which the term of any board member expires.

(ii) A board member shall be elected at the regularly scheduled election of board members next following the occurrence of the vacancy to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the board member vacating office.

(2) If a school district is a participating municipality, the following apply to an election of board members for a district library:

(a) The first election of board members shall take place at the same time as the first regularly scheduled election of school board members in the largest participating school district occurring on or after the thirteenth Monday following the appointment of the first member of the provisional board. The term of office of an elected member of the board shall begin at the same time as the term of a school board member elected at the same election in the largest participating school district.

(b) Subject to subdivision (c), a nomination for the office of board member shall be by a petition meeting to the extent applicable the same requirements, including filing requirements, as a nominating petition for the office of school board member in the largest participating school district. The petition shall be filed not later than 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday preceding the election. The number of signatures shall be as follows:

(i) For a district with a population of less than 10,000, not less than 6 or more than 20.

(ii) For a district with a population of 10,000 or more, not less than 40 or more than 100.

(c) In lieu of the nominating petition prescribed under subdivision (b), an individual may file a $100.00 nonrefundable fee to have his or her name placed on the ballot. A nominating petition or filing fee shall be filed with the school district election coordinator for the largest participating school district. The school district election coordinator shall certify the names of the candidates and the date of the election to the school district election coordinator of every other participating

school district and to the election officials authorized by this act to conduct the election in each participating municipality all or a portion of which is located within a nonparticipating school district.

(3) The agreement may be amended to coordinate the terms and election of board members with the terms and election of other school or municipal officials.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2002, Act 159, Eff. Jan. 1, 2003;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.182 Powers of board; compensation and expenses of board members; deposit and expenditure of money in district library fund.

Sec. 12. (1) A board may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Establish, maintain, and operate a public library for the district.

(b) Appoint and remove officers from among its members.

(c) Appoint and remove a librarian and necessary assistants and fix their compensation.

(d) Purchase, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise acquire or dispose of real or personal property, including, but not limited to, land contracts and installment purchase contracts.

(e) Erect buildings.

(f) Supervise and control district library property.

(g) Enter into a contract to receive library-related service from or give library-related service to a library or a municipality within or without the district.

(h) Adopt bylaws and regulations, not inconsistent with this act, governing the board and the district library.

(i) Propose and levy upon approval of the electors as provided in this act a tax for support of the district library.

(j) Borrow money pursuant to the district library financing act, 1988 PA 265, MCL 397.281 to 397.290.

(k) Issue bonds pursuant to the district library financing act, 1988 PA 265, MCL 397.281 to 397.290.

(l) Accept gifts and grants for the district library.

(m) Do any other thing necessary for conducting the district library service, the cost of which shall be charged against the district library fund.

(2) A board may reimburse a board member for necessary expenses that the member incurs in the performance of official duties. A board may compensate board members for attending official meetings of the board or committees of the board and shall include the amount of compensation in the annual budget. Compensation shall not exceed $30.00 per board member per meeting. A board member shall not be compensated for attending more than 52 meetings per year.

(3) Money for the district library shall be paid to the board and deposited in a fund known as the district library fund. The board shall exclusively control the expenditure of money deposited in the district library fund.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2002, Act 540, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.183 Determination of money necessary for establishment and operation of district library districtwide tax; payment by participating municipality; approval of tax; library tax.

Sec. 13. (1) Subject to any limitation in the district library agreement on the amount of the district library annual budget or the amount or percentage of an increase in the district library annual budget, or both, that applies in the absence of a districtwide tax approved by the electors, the board shall annually determine the amount of money necessary for the establishment and operation of the district library and shall state that amount in an annual budget of the district library.

(2) All or part of the money necessary for the establishment and operation of a district library may be supplied by a tax levied by the district library on the taxable property in the district. A district library shall not levy a tax authorized by this subsection unless the tax is approved as provided in section 15. However, a districtwide tax in effect or authorized to be levied by a district library established pursuant to former Act No. 164 of the Public Acts of 1955 may be levied by the district library at the rate and for the period of time originally authorized without being approved as provided in section 15.

(3) A districtwide tax or taxes authorized by subsection (2) shall not exceed 4 mills.

(4) That portion of the total districtwide tax or taxes that exceeds 2 mills shall be authorized to be levied for a period of not more than 20 years. However, if 1 or more of the participating municipalities had a legally established public library with an authorized tax levy of more than 2 mills on December 31, 1993, that portion of the total districtwide tax or taxes that exceeds the greatest number of mills authorized to be levied by any such participating municipality for its public library on December 31, 1993 shall be authorized to be levied for a period of not more than 20 years.
(5) Of the amount of money stated in the annual budget pursuant to subsection (1) that is not supplied by a districtwide tax, the legislative body of each participating municipality shall annually pay to the board the percentage set forth in the agreement pursuant to section 4. A participating municipality may make the payment by appropriating money from its general fund or by levying a tax for district library purposes on the taxable property in the municipality, or both.
(6) A participating municipality shall not levy a tax authorized by subsection (5) unless the tax is approved by a majority of the electors who reside in the participating municipality and vote on the proposal. Not less than 60 days before the date of the election, the legislative body of a participating municipality shall certify a proposed tax to the clerk of the municipality or, if the participating municipality is a school district, to the secretary of the school board for inclusion on the ballot.
(7) A library tax in effect or authorized to be levied by a participating municipality before the municipality became a party to an agreement may be levied at the rate and for the period of time originally authorized and used as a source of all or part of the percentage of money set forth in the agreement pursuant to section 4, unless prohibited by the millage authorization.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 1994, Act 114, Imd. Eff. May 11, 1994

397.184 Provisions governing elections.

Sec. 14. (1) An election for or recall of board members and an election for a districtwide tax shall be conducted under the provisions of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, and applicable provisions of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, except to the extent that those provisions are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.
(2) If none of the participating municipalities are school districts, an election for a districtwide tax is governed by sections 15 to 18 and section 23. If 1 or more of the participating municipalities are school districts, an election for a districtwide tax is governed by section 15 and sections 19 to 23.
(3) If none of the participating municipalities are school districts, an election for district library board members is governed by sections 16 to 18 and section 23. If 1 or more of the participating municipalities are school districts, an election for district library board members is governed by sections 19 to 23.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2002, Act 540, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002

397.185 Ballot proposal for districtwide tax; amount of millage; proposed duration; adoption by resolution; certification; authorization of tax levy; limitation on elections.

Sec. 15. (1) A ballot proposal for a districtwide tax shall state the amount of the millage. If section 13(4) limits the maximum duration of a portion of the millage in a ballot proposal for a districtwide tax, the ballot proposal shall state the proposed duration of that portion of the millage.
(2) If none of the participating municipalities are a school district, a proposal for a districtwide tax shall not be placed on the ballot unless the proposal is adopted by a resolution of the board and certified by the board not later than 60 days before the election to the county clerk of each county in which all or part of the district is located for inclusion on the ballot. The proposal shall be certified for inclusion on the ballot at the next general election, the state primary immediately preceding the general election, or a special election held on an otherwise regularly scheduled election date, as specified by the board's resolution.
(3) If 1 or more of the participating municipalities are school districts, a proposal for a districtwide tax shall not be placed on the ballot unless the proposal is adopted by a resolution of the board and certified by the board not later than 60 days before the election to the school district election coordinator of the largest participating school district. The board shall certify the proposal for inclusion on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election of school board members in the largest participating school district or at a special election held on an otherwise regularly scheduled election date, as specified by the board's resolution. The school district election coordinator to whom the ballot proposal was certified shall promptly certify the proposal and date of election to the school district

election coordinator of every other participating school district and to the election officials authorized by this act to conduct the election in the participating municipalities or the portions of participating municipalities located within a nonparticipating school district.
(4) If a majority of the votes cast on the question of a districtwide tax is in favor of the proposal, the tax levy is authorized. No more than 2 elections shall be held in a calendar year on a proposal for a districtwide tax.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 1994, Act 114, Imd. Eff. May 11, 1994;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.186 Providing ballots.
Sec. 16. If none of the participating municipalities are a school district, the county election commission of each participating county and each county in which all or part of a participating municipality is located shall provide ballots for an election for board members or a districtwide tax for each participating municipality or part of a participating municipality located within the county.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.187 Conduct of election; list of electors.
Sec. 17. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), if none of the participating municipalities are school districts, an election for board members or a districtwide tax shall be conducted by the city and township clerks and election officials of the municipalities located within the district.
(2) If an election on a proposal for a districtwide tax is to be held in conjunction with a general election or state primary election or board members are to be elected and if a participating village is located within a nonparticipating township, the township clerk and election officials shall conduct the election. On the forty-fifth day preceding the election, the village clerk shall provide to the township clerk a list containing the name, address, and birth date of each qualified and registered elector of the village or the portion of the village that is included in the district. By the fifteenth day preceding the election, the village clerk shall provide to the township clerk information updating the list as of the close of registration. Persons appearing on the list as updated are eligible to vote in the district election by special ballot.
(3) If a districtwide tax is to be voted on at a special election not held in conjunction with a general election or state primary election and if a participating village is located within a nonparticipating township, the village clerk and election officials shall conduct the election.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.188 Publication of notices of close of registration and election; canvass and certification of results of election.
Sec. 18. (1) If an election for board members or a districtwide tax is to be held in conjunction with a general election or a state primary election immediately preceding a general election and none of the participating municipalities are school districts, the notices of close of registration and election shall be published as provided for by the state election laws. Otherwise, if none of the participating municipalities are school districts, the county clerk of the largest county shall publish the notices of close of registration and election. The notice of close of registration shall include the ballot language of the proposal.
(2) If none of the participating municipalities are school districts, the results of an election for board members or a districtwide tax shall be canvassed by the board of county canvassers of each county in which a participating municipality is located. The board of county canvassers of a county in which a participating municipality is located and which is not the largest county shall certify the results of the election to the board of county canvassers of the largest county. The board of county canvassers of the largest county shall make the final canvass of an election for board members or a districtwide tax based on the returns of the election inspectors of the participating municipalities in that county and the certified results of the board of county canvassers of every other county in which a participating municipality is located. The board of county canvassers of the largest county shall certify the results of the election to the district library board and issue certificates of election.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.189 Printing and providing ballots.

Sec. 19. If 1 or more participating municipalities are school districts, the school district election coordinator of each participating school district shall provide for the printing of ballots for that school district. The school district election coordinator of the largest participating school district shall provide ballots for an election for board members or a districtwide tax for a participating municipality or part of a participating municipality located within a nonparticipating school district.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.190 Conduct of election for board members or districtwide tax.

Sec. 20. If 1 or more participating municipalities are school districts, the election for board members or a districtwide tax shall be conducted as follows:

(a) The school district election coordinator otherwise authorized by law to conduct elections in a participating school district shall conduct the election in that school district.

(b) If all or a portion of the participating municipality is located within a nonparticipating school district that is holding an election on the same day as the election for board members or a districtwide tax, the school district election coordinator authorized by law to conduct elections in the nonparticipating school district shall conduct the election for board members or a districtwide tax in the participating municipality or that portion of the participating municipality located within the nonparticipating school district. The qualified and registered electors of the participating municipality that reside within the nonparticipating school district shall vote in the election for board members or a districtwide tax by special ballot at their regular polling places in the election in the nonparticipating school district. Those qualified and registered electors shall be identified from the registration records of the nonparticipating school district or from a list of the names, addresses, and birth dates of qualified and registered electors of the participating municipality who reside in the nonparticipating school district and are eligible to vote in elections for board members or a districtwide tax. The list shall be supplied and updated by the clerk of the participating municipality at the request of the school district election coordinator or other official authorized by law to conduct the election.

(c) If all or a portion of a participating municipality is located within a nonparticipating school district that is not holding an election on the same day as the election for board members or a districtwide tax, the school district election coordinator authorized by law to conduct elections in the participating municipality shall conduct the election for board members or a districtwide tax in the participating municipality or that portion of the participating municipality located within the nonparticipating school district.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.191 Publication of notices for election of board members or districtwide tax; publication of notices of close of registration and election; ballot language of proposal.

Sec. 21. (1) If an election for district board members or a districtwide tax is conducted by a participating school district under section 20(a), the school district election coordinator required by law to publish notices of the close of registration and election for a school district election in that school district shall publish the notices for the election for board members or a districtwide tax in that school district.

(2) If an election for board members or a districtwide tax is conducted in a participating municipality or a portion of a participating municipality by a nonparticipating school district, under section 20(b), the school district election coordinator required by law to publish the notices of close of registration and election for a school district election in that school district shall publish the notices for the election for board members or a districtwide tax for the participating municipality or portion of a participating municipality located within that school district. The notices of close of registration and election shall designate the participating municipality for all or a portion of which the election is being conducted under section 20(b).

(3) If an election for board members or a districtwide tax is conducted by a participating municipality under section 20(c), the clerk of the participating municipality shall publish notices of close of registration and election for the participating municipality or that portion of the participating municipality located in the nonparticipating school district.

(4) A notice of close of registration published under this section shall contain the ballot language of the proposal.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.192 Canvass and certification of results of election.

Sec. 22. (1) If an election for district board members or a districtwide tax is conducted by a participating school district pursuant to section 20(a), the board of canvassers required by law to canvass the results of a school district election in that school district shall canvass the results of an election for board members or a districtwide tax in that school district and, if the school district is not the largest participating school district, certify the results of the election to the board of canvassers of the largest participating school district.
(2) If an election for board members or a districtwide tax is conducted in a participating municipality or a portion of a participating municipality by a nonparticipating school district pursuant to section 20(b), the board of canvassers required by law to canvass the results of a school district election in that school district shall canvass the results of an election for board members or a districtwide tax in the participating municipality or portion of the participating municipality located within the nonparticipating school district and certify the results to the board of canvassers of the largest participating school district.
(3) If an election for board members or a districtwide tax is conducted by a participating municipality pursuant to section 20(c), the board of canvassers required by law to canvass the results of a municipal election in that municipality shall canvass the results of an election for board members or a districtwide tax in the participating municipality or that portion of the participating municipality located within the nonparticipating school district and certify the results of the election to the board of canvassers of the largest participating school district.
(4) The board of canvassers required by law to canvass the results of elections held in the largest participating school district shall make the final canvass of the election for board members or a districtwide tax based on the returns received from the election inspectors of that district and certified results received from other boards of canvassers that canvassed part of the election. The board of canvassers required by law to canvass the results of a school district election in the largest participating school district shall certify the total results of the election to the board and issue certificates of election.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

397.193 Reimbursement for costs of election.

Sec. 23. (1) A county clerk shall charge the district library and the district library shall reimburse the county for the actual costs the county incurs in an election for board members or a districtwide tax.
(2) If a participating township, city, or village conducts an election for district library board members or a districtwide tax, the clerk of that municipality shall charge the district library and the district library shall reimburse the municipality for the actual costs the municipality incurs in conducting the election if 1 or more of the following apply:

(a) The election is not held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election in that municipality.
(b) Only a portion of the territory of the municipality is included in the district.
(c) The election is conducted under section 20(c) in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election in the municipality and a portion of the municipality lies within the boundaries of a nonparticipating school district.

(3) If an election for district library board members or a districtwide tax is held in conjunction with the regular election of a participating school district, the school district election coordinator authorized by law to conduct the election shall charge the district library and the district library shall reimburse the school district for the additional costs that the school district incurs in conducting the election.
(4) In addition to costs reimbursed under subsection (1), (2), or (3), a municipality shall charge the district library and the district library shall reimburse the municipality for actual costs that the municipality incurs and that are exclusively attributable to an election for board members or a districtwide tax.

(5) The actual costs that a county, township, city, village, or school district incurs shall be based on the number of hours of work done in conducting the election, the rates of compensation of the workers, and the cost of materials supplied in the election.
History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.194 Withdrawal of municipality from district library; amendment of agreement; dissolution.
Sec. 24. (1) Except to the extent that the agreement provides otherwise, a participating municipality in which a district library tax is in effect or authorized to be levied by the district library or by the participating municipality may withdraw from the district library if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) Not less than 2 months before the next regularly scheduled election of the municipality, the legislative body of the municipality adopts a resolution to withdraw from the district library on a date specified in the resolution. The date specified shall be not less than 6 months after the next regularly scheduled election of the municipality.

(b) Notice of an election on the resolution is published in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the municipality not less than 10 days before the next regularly scheduled election of the municipality following adoption of the resolution.

(c) The resolution is approved by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on the resolution at the next regularly scheduled election of the municipality following adoption of the resolution. If only a portion of the territory of a municipality is included in the district, the vote shall be conducted only in that portion of the municipality included in the district.

(d) After approval of the resolution by the electors, the clerk of the municipality or, if the municipality is a school district, the school district election coordinator files with the library of Michigan a copy of the official canvass statement and a certified copy of the resolution and files with the board a copy of the official canvass statement and a number of certified copies of the resolution sufficient for distribution to the legislative body of each of the participating municipalities.

(e) Payment or the provision for payment to the district library or its creditors of all obligations of the municipality seeking to withdraw is made.

(f) The legislative body of the withdrawing municipality furnishes to the library of Michigan a plan for continuing, after the municipality no longer receives library services from the district library, public library service for all residents of the withdrawing municipality or the portion of the territory of the withdrawing municipality that is included in the district.

(2) A district library tax in effect or authorized to be levied by the district library or by the withdrawing municipality before the adoption of the resolution to withdraw shall be levied in the municipality for its original purpose but only for the period of time originally authorized and only so long as the board continues in existence. In addition, a municipality that withdraws from a district library shall continue to receive library services from the district library so long as a districtwide tax authorized to be levied before the withdrawal of the municipality continues to be levied in the municipality and the district library remains in operation.

(3) Except to the extent that the agreement provides otherwise, a participating municipality in which no district library tax is in effect or authorized to be levied by either the district library or the participating municipality may withdraw from the district library if all of the following requirements are satisfied:

(a) The legislative body of the municipality adopts a resolution to withdraw from the district library on a date specified in the resolution. The withdrawal date shall follow the date of the resolution by not less than 1 year.

(b) The clerk of the municipality or, if the municipality is a school district, the school district election coordinator files with the library of Michigan a certified copy of the resolution and files with the board a number of certified copies of the resolution sufficient for distribution to the legislative bodies of each of the participating municipalities.

(c) The requirements of subsection (1)(e) and (f) are satisfied.

(4) After the withdrawal of a municipality, the agreement shall be amended to reflect the withdrawal.

(5) The state librarian may initiate proceedings to dissolve a district library established under this act if he or she finds 1 or more of the following:

(a) The district library does not qualify for distribution of state aid and penal fines.

(b) The district library board has not met within the last 12 months.

(c) The district library lacks the funding to provide adequate library-related services.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2005, Act 60, Imd. Eff. July 7, 2005

397.195 Municipality other than school district as party to existing agreement; requirements; acceptance conditioned on authorization of tax; change in number of mills based on district library agreement.

Sec. 25. (1) A municipality other than a school district may become a party to an existing agreement if the agreement's requirements concerning the addition of a participating municipality are satisfied, or, in the absence of requirements in the agreement, if each of the following requirements is satisfied:

(a) The legislative body of the municipality resolves by majority vote that the municipality become a participating municipality and that all or, pursuant to section 3(2), a portion of the territory of the municipality be added to the district.

(b) The resolution is conditioned upon the board's adopting, within a period of time specified in the resolution, amendments to the agreement specified in the resolution. The amendments specified shall reflect the addition of the municipality or of the territory to the district and shall include, but need not be limited to, changes in board representation or the percentage of funds necessary for the establishment and operation of the district library to be supplied by each participating municipality after the municipality becomes a party to the agreement.

(c) The board amends the agreement within the time and in the manner specified in the resolution of the legislative body of the municipality. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the procedure for amending the agreement set forth in the agreement pursuant to section 4, the amendment shall be made by majority vote of the members of the board elected or appointed and serving.

(2) If there is a districtwide library tax, the board shall condition acceptance of the municipality or portion of the territory of the municipality into the district on the authorization of that tax by a majority of the electors of the municipality or portion of the territory of the municipality voting on the proposal.

(3) Notwithstanding section 13 or a districtwide tax or taxes authorized by section 13, an existing district library agreement may change the number of mills authorized in the existing district library agreement if 1 or more municipalities or parts of municipalities join the existing district library district through a preexisting written agreement with the district library board. The change of the number of mills to be levied in the district library district shall be contingent on the approval by a majority of the voters of the existing district library district voting on the question and on the approval of a majority of the voters of each municipality or part of a municipality seeking to join the existing library district voting on the question. Defeat of the proposal submitted to the electors of the existing district library district shall not have any effect on the validity of the continued levy by the existing district library and district library board of previously authorized millage.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;-- Am. 2002, Act 540, Imd. Eff. July 26, 2002;-- Am. 2003, Act 279, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 2004

397.195a Repealed. 2003, Act 279, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 2004.

Compiler's Notes: The repealed section pertained to a consolidated district library agreement.

397.196 Repeal of §§ 397.271 to 397.276.

Sec. 26. Act No. 164 of the Public Acts of 1955, being sections 397.271 to 397.276 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is repealed.

History: 1989, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989

CITY, VILLAGE, AND TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

Act 164 of 1877

AN ACT to authorize cities, incorporated villages, and townships to establish and maintain, or contract for the use of, free public libraries and reading rooms; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--Am. 1984, Act 128, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1984;--Am. 1998, Act 177, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.201 Public library and reading room; establishment and maintenance by city council; tax levy; library fund; tax additional to tax limitation.

Sec. 1. (1) The city council of each incorporated city may establish and maintain a public library and reading room for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the city. The city council may levy a tax of not to exceed 1 mill on the dollar annually on all the taxable property in the city. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the proposal at the regular annual election, the city council may increase the tax levied by not to exceed 1 additional mill on the dollar annually on all the taxable property in the city. The tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other general taxes of the city, and shall be deposited in a fund to be known as the "library fund."

(2) The tax levied under this section shall be in addition to any tax limitation imposed by a city charter.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5175;--CL 1897, 3449 ;--CL 1915, 3431;--CL 1929, 8059;--CL 1948, 397.201;--Am. 1986, Act 133, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1986.

397.202 Board of directors; members; qualifications; number; terms.

Sec. 2. (1) If a city council decides to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under this act, the mayor of that city shall, with the approval of the city council, appoint a board of 5 directors for the library and reading room, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for that office. Not more than 1 member of the city council shall be at any 1 time a member of the board.

(2) If a city council decides, after the first appointments of the board of directors as provided in subsection (1), that the purposes of the library and reading room would be better served by a different number of members on the appointed board of directors, the city council may by ordinance change the number of members to an odd number not less than 5 or more than 9.

(3) The term of office for each member of the appointed board of directors may be changed by ordinance to a term of not less than 2 years or more than 5 years.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3, if the term of office is changed by ordinance by a city council, the term of office for subsequent appointments by the mayor shall be the same as prescribed by the ordinance.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5176;--CL 1897, 3450;--CL 1915, 3432;--CL 1929, 8060;--Am. 1931, Act 248, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.202;--Am. 2000, Act 99, Imd. Eff. May 19, 2000.

397.203 Board of directors; appointment, terms, removal.

Sec. 3. The offices of boards of directors heretofore appointed under this act, consisting of 9 members, are hereby declared vacant on July 1, 1932, and a board of 5 directors to succeed them or a board of directors of 5 members for a library newly established hereunder shall be first appointed as follows: 1 director shall be appointed for a term of 5 years, 1 director shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, 1 director shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, 1 director shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, 1 director shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, and annually thereafter the mayor shall appoint 1 member of such board of directors for a term of 5 years. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the city council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5177;--CL 1897, 3451;--CL 1915, 3433;--CL 1929, 8061;--Am. 1931, Act 248, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.203.

397.204 Board of directors; vacancies, compensation.

Sec. 4. Vacancies in the board of directors occaisioned by removals, resignation or otherwise, shall be reported to the city council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5178;--CL 1897, 3452;--CL 1915, 3434;--CL 1929, 8062;--CL 1948, 397.204 .

Compiler's Note: The word "occaisioned" in this section should read "occasioned."

397.205 Board of directors; officers, powers and duties; library fund, expenditures, accounting.

Sec. 5. Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize, by the election of 1 of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules, and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library and reading room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care, and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased, or set apart for that purpose: Provided, That all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease, or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation; and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading room.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5179;--CL 1897, 3453;--CL 1915, 3435;--CL 1929, 8063;--CL 1948, 397.205.

397.206 City library; free use; regulations.

Sec. 6. Every library and reading room established under this act shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt; and said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading room any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5180;--CL 1897, 3454;--CL 1915, 3436;--CL 1929, 8064 ;--CL 1948, 397.206.

397.207 Board of directors; annual report, contents.

Sec. 7. The said board of directors shall make, at the end of each and every year from and after the organization of such library, a report to the city council, stating the condition of their trust at the date of such report the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended, and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift, or otherwise during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of visitors attending; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information, and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5181;--CL 1897, 3455;--CL 1915, 3437;--CL 1929, 8065 ;--CL 1948, 397.207.

397.208 City library; injury to property, ordinances, penalties.

Sec. 8. The city council of said city shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library, or the grounds or other property thereof, or for wilful injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5182;--CL 1897, 3456;--CL 1915, 3438;--CL 1929, 8066;--CL 1948, 397.208.

397.209 City library; donations, acceptance.

Sec. 9. Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property, or real estate for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title to money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise, or bequest of such property; and as to such property, the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5183;--CL 1897, 3457;--CL 1915, 3439;--CL 1929, 8067;--CL 1948, 397.209.

397.210 Free public library in village or township; petition to levy tax for establishment; notice of election; library fund; board of directors; estimate of money necessary for support and maintenance of library; report; assessment and collection of tax; powers of corporate authorities; library as authority under state constitution.

Sec. 10. (1) Fifty voters of an incorporated village or township may present to the clerk of the village or township a petition asking that a tax be levied for the establishment of a free public library in the village or township and specifying the rate of taxation, not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar. The tax may be of unlimited duration or the petition may specify the number of years for which the tax shall be levied. The clerk, in the next legal notice of the regular election in that village or township, shall give notice that at the election every voter may vote on the proposition including the rate and any duration of taxation for the free public library.

(2) If the majority of all the votes cast in the village or township is for the tax for a free public library, the tax specified in the notice shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other general taxes of that village or township for the period, if any, specified in the petition, and shall be placed in a fund known as the library fund.

(3) If a free public library is established and a board of directors elected and qualified, that board of directors, on or before the first Monday of September in each year, if the free public library is established by a township, and on or before the second Monday in April, if the free public library is established by an incorporated village, shall prepare an estimate of the amount of money necessary for the support and maintenance of the library for the ensuing year, not exceeding 2 mills on the dollar of the taxable property of the village or township. Unless any period specified in the petition for the levy of the tax has expired, the board of directors shall report the estimate to the assessor of the village or the supervisor of the township for assessment and collection in the same manner as other village or township taxes. The tax shall be so assessed and collected. The corporate authorities of the villages or townships may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this act.

(4) A library established under this section constitutes an authority under section 6 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5184;--Am. 1885, Act 36, Eff. Sept. 19, 1885;--CL 1897, 3458;--Am. 1907, Act 42, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1907;--CL 1915, 3440;--CL 1929, 8068;--CL 1948, 397.210;--Am. 1986, Act 133, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1986;--Am. 1994, Act 81, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1994.

397.210a Free public library in city; establishment; petition for tax; notice; form of ballot; library fund; preparing and reporting estimate of money necessary for support and maintenance; tax additional to tax limitation.

Sec. 10a. (1) Fifty voters of a city may present to the clerk of the city a petition asking that a tax be levied for the establishment of a free public library in that city and specifying a rate of taxation not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar. The tax may be of unlimited duration or the petition may specify the number of years for which the tax shall be levied. The clerk, in the next legal notice of the regular election in that city, shall give notice that at the election every voter may vote upon the proposition. The notice shall specify the rate and any duration of taxation mentioned in the petition.

(2) If a majority of all the votes cast in the city upon the proposition is for the tax for a free public library, the tax specified in the notice shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other general taxes of that city for the period, if any, specified in the petition, and shall be placed in a fund to be known as the “library fund”.

(3) If the free public library is established under this section, and a board of directors elected and qualified as provided in section 11, the board of directors on or before the first Monday in September in each year shall prepare an estimate of the amount of money necessary for the support and maintenance of the free public library for the ensuing year, not exceeding 2 mills on the dollar of the taxable property of the city. Unless any period specified in the petition for the levy of the tax has expired, the board of directors shall report the estimate to the legislative body of the city. The legislative body shall cause to be raised by tax upon the taxable property in the city the amount of the estimate in the same manner that other general taxes are raised in the city.

(4) A tax levied under this section shall be in addition to any tax limitation imposed by a city charter.

History: Add. 1911, Act 178, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;--CL 1915, 3441;--CL 1929, 8069;--Am. 1931, Act 248, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.210a;--Am. 1980, Act 521, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;--Am. 1986, Act 133, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1986;--Am. 1994, Act 81, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1994.

397.210b Free public library established in township or village incorporated as city; continuation of library board, library, and tax.

Sec. 10b. If a township or village in which a free public library has been established pursuant to section 10 is incorporated in its entirety as a city, the library board of the free public library shall continue in office and the free public library shall continue in existence and be governed by the provisions of section 10a as if the free public library had originally been established as a free public library under section 10a. Any tax previously authorized pursuant to this act for the support of the free public library shall continue in effect after the incorporation and shall then be assessed and collected on the taxable property in the city as provided in section 10a.

History: Add. 1982, Act 286, Imd. Eff. Oct. 7, 1982.

397.210c Increasing library millage; ballot; election; validation of millage renewal.

Sec. 10c. (1) If a city, village, or township has voted on, approved, and established a library pursuant to this act and the library board of directors by resolution determines that the estimate of the amount of money necessary for the support and maintenance of the library exceeds the previously authorized millage or that, if the previously authorized millage was approved for a specific number of years, the millage should be renewed, the question of increasing the library millage to not more than 2 mills or of renewing the millage shall be placed on the ballot for approval at the next regular annual election for that city, village, or township or at a special election for that city, village, or township. The increase or renewal may be of unlimited duration or the question may specify the number of years for which the increase or renewal shall be levied. The costs of a special election shall be paid from the library fund.

(2) If, before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, a library millage was renewed in the manner provided by subsection (1), that millage renewal is hereby validated.

History: Add. 1986, Act 133, Imd. Eff. June 16, 1986;--Am. 1994, Act 81, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1994.

397.211 Library board of city, village, or township; establishment; provisional or permanent; director; vacancy; powers of library board.

Sec. 11. (1) Immediately after a city, a village, or a township has voted to establish a free public library, a library board shall be established by the city, village, or township as prescribed in subsections (3) and (4).

(2) If a city, village, or township has a free public library which has not elected a library board, including a city library and board of directors established under sections 1 to 10, the city, village, or township shall establish a library board as prescribed in subsections (3) and (4).

(3) The legislative body of a city, village, or township described in subsection (1) or (2) shall appoint a provisional library board of 6 directors who shall hold office until the next annual or biennial city or village election, or township election, of a permanent library board.

(4) A permanent library board shall be established for a city, village, or township described in subsection (1) or (2) as follows:

(a) In a city or village holding an annual election, 6 directors shall be elected. The terms of 2 of the directors shall be 1 year; the terms of 2 of the directors shall be 2 years; and the terms of 2 of the directors shall be 3 years. Each year thereafter, 2 directors shall be elected for 3-year terms.

(b) In a city or village that holds biennial elections, 6 directors shall be elected. The terms of 2 of the directors shall be 2 years; the terms of 2 of the directors shall be 4 years; and the terms of 2 of the directors shall be 6 years. Biennially thereafter, 2 directors shall be elected for 6-year terms.
(c) In a township holding elections for township officers every 4 years, 6 directors shall be elected for 4-year terms at the primary and general elections in 1984. A term of office shall not be shortened by this subdivision. A director scheduled by this section before March 31, 1981, to be elected at a time other than 1984 shall not be elected on the date scheduled, but shall continue in office until a successor takes office pursuant to the election of 1984.
(d) The directors shall be nominated and elected on nonpartisan ballots. A candidate for city, village, or township library director shall file nonpartisan nominating petitions bearing the signatures of a number of registered and qualified electors of that city, village, or township as follows:
(i) For a city, village, or township having a population of 9,999 or less, not less than 6 or more than 20 signatures.
(ii) For a city, village, or township having a population of 10,000 or more, not less than 40 or more than 100 signatures.
(e) In lieu of the nominating petitions prescribed in subdivision (d), an individual may file with the clerk conducting an election a $100.00 nonrefundable fee to have his or her name placed on the ballot.
(f) The Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, shall govern the circulation and filing of nonpartisan nominating petitions and the conduct of nonpartisan elections under this section.
(5) A director shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified.
(6) A library board shall fill a vacancy in a directorship by appointment of a person to hold office until the next election.
(7) A provisional or permanent library board has the powers prescribed in section 5.
History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5185;--CL 1897, 3459;--Am. 1905, Act 67, Eff. Sept. 16, 1905;--CL 1915, 3442 ;--CL 1929, 8070;--Am. 1931, Act 248, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1945, Act 60, Imd. Eff. Mar. 28, 1945;--CL 1948, 397.211;--Am. 1978, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1978;--Am. 1980, Act 114, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1980;--Am. 1980, Act 521, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;--Am. 1984, Act 138, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1984;--Am. 1988, Act 432, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1988;--Am. 2002, Act 160, Eff. Jan. 1, 2003.

397.211a Violation of §§ 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.

Sec. 11a. A petition under section 10, 10a, or 11, including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.
History: Add. 1998, Act 177, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

397.212 Applicability of §§ 397.210a and 397.211; exception; organization of existing public library under § 397.210a.

Sec. 12. Except as otherwise provided in section 10b, sections 10a and 11 do not apply to a city, village, or township maintaining a public library under a special act or to a public library contained in the 1979 statement prepared by the state board for libraries pursuant to section 8 of Act No. 59 of the Public Acts of 1964, being section 397.38 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. However, an existing public library may, by petition, be organized under section 10a regardless of the library's original organization.
History: 1877, Act 164, Eff. Aug. 21, 1877;--How. 5186;--CL 1897, 3460;--CL 1915, 3443;--CL 1929, 8071;--CL 1948, 397.212;--Am. 1978, Act 130, Imd. Eff. May 4, 1978;--Am. 1980, Act 521, Eff. Mar. 31, 1981;--Am. 1982, Act 286, Imd. Eff. Oct. 7, 1982.

397.213 Use of library services by adjacent township, village, or city; contract; payment.

Sec. 13. (1) Notwithstanding a contrary city, village, or township charter provision, a township, village, or city adjacent to a township, village, or city that supports a free public circulating library and reading room under this act may contract for the use of library services with that adjacent township, village, or city.

(2) A township, city, or village may pay for the use of library services contracted for under subsection (1) by levying a tax not to exceed 2 mills of its state equalized valuation, by use of money from the municipality's general fund, or with money received under Act No. 59 of the Public Acts of 1964, being sections 397.31 to 397.40 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. A tax shall not be levied or increased under this section unless a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on the question vote in favor of the tax.

History: Add. 1903, Act 19, Eff. Sept. 17, 1903;--CL 1915, 3444;--CL 1929, 8072;--CL 1948, 397.213;--Am. 1984, Act 128, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1984;--Am. 1987, Act 216, Imd. Eff. Dec. 22, 1987.

397.214 Contract with township, city, or village for use of library and reading room; procedure; tax levy; library fund.

Sec. 14. (1) Upon receipt of a petition signed by not less than 10% of the electors in any township based on the highest vote cast at the last regular election for township officers of the township, addressed to the township board, requesting that a meeting be called of the electors in the township, to consider making a contract with any township, city, or village supporting and maintaining a free public circulating library and reading room under this act, or under any special act, for the use of its privileges by the residents of the township, the township board shall call a meeting of the electors of the township by posting notices in at least 5 public places within the township not less than 10 days before the meeting. The electors present at the meeting shall determine whether the township shall enter into a contract for the use of a free public circulating library and reading room in any township, city, or village and the rate of taxation to be levied for the purpose of paying for that use if the electors decide to enter into such a contract. However, a tax so levied shall not exceed 1 mill of the state equalized valuation of the township. If a majority of those present and voting are in favor of the township contracting for the use of a free public circulating library and reading room maintained in any township, city, or village, the township board may enter into a contract and shall levy and collect the tax provided for in this subsection, which tax when collected shall be placed in a fund to be known as the “library fund”. The money in the library fund shall be paid over by the township treasurer to the treasurer of the township, city, or village in which the library is located, on the first day of January, February, and March of each year, to be disbursed subject to the provisions of section 5. This subsection is not a limitation on the contractual power of a legislative body of a city, village, or township under section 13.

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision in a township, city, or village charter, the library board of directors of a township, city, or village supporting and maintaining a free public circulating library and reading room under this act, or under any special act, may enter into a contract with another township, city, or village to permit the residents of that other township, city, or village the full use of the library and reading room, upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon between the library board of directors and the legislative body of the other township, city, or village. A contract entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be executed for a term of 3 years, shall be automatically extended for an indefinite term after the initial 3-year period, and shall be terminable by either party only on the giving of 6 months' notice of the intent to terminate the contract.

History: Add. 1903, Act 19, Eff. Sept. 17, 1903;--Am. 1911, Act 272, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;--CL 1915, 3445;--CL 1929, 8073;--Am. 1931, Act 248, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.214;--Am. 1984, Act 128, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1984.

397.215 Contract for use of library services by county; joint library board; number of directors; provisions of contract; vacancies; removal of director; vacating offices of directors; powers and duties of joint library board.

Sec. 15. (1) In a county which does not have a county library established under Act No. 138 of the Public Acts of 1917, being sections 397.301 to 397.305 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or counties in which the population exceeds 1,000,000, a contract for use of library services under section 13 may provide for joint representation on the library board of directors. A joint library board shall not have more than 9 directors.

(2) A contract for use of library services that provides for joint representation may provide that a director serving on a library board on the day before the establishment of a joint library board shall become a director of the joint library board and shall serve out the balance of his or her unexpired term.

(3) A contract for the use of library services shall specify all of the following:

(a) Whether those directors added to an existing library board to create a joint library board are elected or appointed.
(b) The method of election or appointment of those directors added to an existing library board to create a joint library board.
(c) Lengths of terms of office of those directors added to an existing library board to create a joint library board. The terms of the added directors shall be staggered. If a contract establishing a joint library board is terminated, the terms of all added directors shall end on the date of termination.
(d) The method of removal of, and the causes upon which removal may be based for, a director added to an existing library board to create a joint library board.
(e) The method of filling a vacancy in the office of a director added to an existing library board to create a joint library board. A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.
(f) Any other provision which is considered necessary or advisable.

(4) Selection, length of terms, manner of filling vacancies, and removal of the directors of the existing library board who become directors on the joint library board shall continue to be governed by state law or by the township, city, or village charter.

(5) If a contract for use of library services that provides for joint representation does not provide that directors on the existing board become directors on the joint library board, the offices of the directors of the existing board shall be vacated on the date the joint board assumes jurisdiction and the contract shall include those provisions required by subsection (3) which shall apply to the entire joint library board.

(6) A joint library board established under this section has the same powers and duties as a city library board under sections 5 to 7.

History: Add. 1984, Act 128, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1984.

397.216 Rights in use and benefits of library; uniform rules and regulations.

Sec. 16. After fulfilling the contractual requirements, the people of a township, village, or city which has contracted for library services with another township, village, or city shall have all rights in the use and benefits of the library that they would have if they lived in the township, village, or city where the library is established, subject to uniform rules and regulations established by the board of library directors.

History: Add. 1903, Act 19, Eff. Sept. 17, 1903;--CL 1915, 3446;--CL 1929, 8074;--CL 1948, 397.216;--Am. 1984, Act 128, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1984.

397.217 Joint municipal libraries; villages and cities.

Sec. 17. The people of villages may join with townships, or townships with villages, or either with cities, by complying with similar provisions, as aforesaid in this act, and as amended, for the purpose of maintaining, supporting and receiving the benefits from a free public circulating library.

History: Add. 1903, Act 19, Eff. Sept. 17, 1903;--CL 1915, 3447;--CL 1929, 8075;--CL 1948, 397.217.

TRANSFER OF CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Act 181 of 1973

AN ACT to provide for the transfer of certain public libraries to the governing body of a city; to provide for continued operation and maintenance of the libraries; to provide for the conveyances; and to provide for the succession to title and interest of libraries.

History: 1973, Act 181, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1973.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.231 Effect of repealing local act governing city public library.

Sec. 1. If the local act governing a city public library is repealed, the governing body of the city shall succeed to all title and interest in the real and personal property of the library.

History: 1973, Act 181, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1973.

397.232 Operation and maintenance of library by governing body of city.

Sec. 2. The governing body of the city may continue to operate and maintain the library in accordance with appropriate statutes of this state or the charter of that governmental unit.

History: 1973, Act 181, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1973.

397.233 Conveyance of library property to other governing body.

Sec. 3. The governing body of the city may convey the property of such library to the governing body of another governmental unit for use of the property for library purposes.

History: 1973, Act 181, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1973.

LIBRARIES UNDER BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Act 261 of 1913

AN ACT to authorize boards of education to provide for the maintenance of free public libraries existing under the control of boards of education of the cities; to authorize and empower said boards of education to raise or borrow money and issue bonds in sufficient sum to purchase property or site, erect and maintain buildings for use as a free public library and other educational purposes.

History: 1913, Act 261, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.261 Boards of education library; annual expense estimates.

Sec. 1. Boards of education in cities where free public libraries are under control of such boards of education by reason of existing charters or otherwise, from and after the passage of this act are hereby authorized and empowered to include in their annual estimate a sum or sums sufficient to properly care for and defray the expense of maintenance and to purchase new books required for such libraries.

History: 1913, Act 261, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;--CL 1915, 5836;--CL 1929, 8081;--CL 1948, 397.261.

397.262 Boards of education; raising money for purchase of property; bonds; issuance; approval by electors; issuance subject to revised municipal finance act.

Sec. 2. (1) Boards of education in cities having the control of free public libraries by reason of existing charters or otherwise are hereby authorized and empowered to raise money, either by including the amount in their annual estimates or by borrowing on the faith and credit of the school district and issuing certificates or bonds to secure the payment of the amount borrowed, sufficient to purchase property for a site and to provide the money necessary to erect, equip, and maintain buildings for a free public library and other educational uses.

(2) Bonds provided for in this act shall not be issued until the question of the issuance of those bonds has been submitted to the electors of the district affected and approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question.

(3) Bonds issued under this act are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

History: 1913, Act 261, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;--CL 1915, 5837;--CL 1929, 8082;--CL 1948, 397.262;--Am. 2002, Act 346, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

DISTRICT LIBRARY FINANCING ACT

Act 265 of 1988

AN ACT to authorize district libraries to acquire, construct, or furnish real or personal property for use for library purposes; to authorize district libraries to borrow money and issue bonds and notes and refunding bonds and notes for those acquisitions; and to authorize district libraries to levy a tax for, and to pledge their full faith and credit to, the payment of contracts, bonds, and notes.

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.281 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "district library financing act".

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988.

397.282 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Board" means that term as defined in section 2 of the district library establishment act.

(b) "District" means that term as defined in section 2 of the district library establishment act.

(c) "District library" means a library established pursuant to the district library establishment act or a library considered to be established pursuant to the district library establishment act under section 6 of that act.

(d) "Legislative body" means, if the municipality is a school district, the school board.

(e) "Municipality" means that term as defined in section 2 of the district library establishment act.

(f) "Participating" means that term as defined in section 2 of the district library establishment act.

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989.

397.283 Powers of board.

Sec. 3. A board may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Acquire real or personal property for use for library purposes by purchase, land contract, installment purchase contract, lease with or without option to purchase, or title retaining contract.

(b) Borrow money and issue its negotiable bonds or notes to finance the acquisition, construction, and furnishing of buildings or portions of buildings for use for library purposes, the acquisition of the necessary sites for library buildings, or the acquisition and installation of equipment necessary for the operation of the library buildings.

(c) Submit to the electors of the district a question proposing the issuance of bonds for the purposes described in this act.

(d) Borrow money and issue its negotiable bonds and notes for the purpose of refunding outstanding debt obligations of the district issued for the purposes described in this act.

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988.

397.284 Limitation on borrowing money or issuing bonds or notes; conditions to issuance of general obligation unlimited tax bonds; ballot question.

Sec. 4. (1) A district library shall not borrow money or issue bonds or notes for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the district library, exceeds 5% of the state equalized valuation of the taxable property within the district.

(2) A district library shall not issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The board adopts a resolution submitting the question of issuing general obligation unlimited tax bonds or notes to the electors of the district.

(b) The question of issuing general obligation unlimited tax bonds or notes is certified by the board and the election is conducted in the manner provided in sections 14 to 23 of the district library establishment act, 1989 PA 24, MCL 397.184 to 397.193, for an election for a districtwide tax.

(c) A majority of the qualified electors of the district voting on the question approve the issuing of the general obligation unlimited tax bonds.

(3) The question of issuing general obligation unlimited tax bonds pursuant to subsection (2) shall be submitted by ballot in substantially the following form:

"Shall the district library, formed by _____, county[ies] of _____, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed _____ dollars ($ _____) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of _____?

Yes [ ] No [ ]"

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;--Am. 2002, Act 345, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

397.285 Issuance of limited tax bonds or notes by resolution.

Sec. 5. Except as otherwise provided in section 4, a district library may issue limited tax bonds or notes by resolution of the board, without submitting the question to the electors of the district.

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989;--Am. 2002, Act 345, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

397.286 Repealed. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to borrowing money, issuing bonds or notes, and condition to establishment of district library.

397.287 Bonds as debt of district library; withdrawal of participating municipality from district library.

Sec. 7. Bonds issued pursuant to this act are debt of the district library and not of the participating municipalities. If a participating municipality withdraws from a district library, taxes imposed for payment of bonds approved as provided in this act before the adoption of the resolution to withdraw shall continue to be levied within the district as if the municipality did not withdraw from the district library until the principal of and interest on those bonds are paid in full.

History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989.

397.288 Authorization and levy of taxes to pay principal of and interest on bonds.

Sec. 8. If a majority of the qualified electors of a district voting on the question of issuing bonds approves the issuance, or if bonds are otherwise issued pursuant to section 5, the board, by resolution, shall authorize and levy the taxes necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. The taxes shall be levied and collected with the county taxes. If, pursuant to section 5, the bonds are issued without submission of the question of the bond issue to the electors, the board shall not

authorize or levy a tax that exceeds the tax levy authorized by a vote of the qualified electors of the district as provided in sections 13 to 23 of the district library establishment act.
History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989.

397.289 Bonds subject to revised municipal finance act.

Sec. 9. Bonds issued pursuant to this act are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.
History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 2002, Act 345, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

397.290 Submission of proposal to issue bonds; limitation.

Sec. 10. A board shall not submit a proposal to issue bonds under this act more than 1 time during a calendar year.
History: 1988, Act 265, Imd. Eff. July 15, 1988;--Am. 1989, Act 25, Imd. Eff. May 22, 1989.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Act 138 of 1917

AN ACT to authorize the creation of county libraries; to authorize the contracting by the board of supervisors of any county for library service; to authorize the contracting by the board of supervisors of any county or the board of trustees of any regional library with any other municipality for the furnishing of such service; and to provide for a tax for the purposes of this act.

History: 1917, Act 138, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;--Am. 1931, Act 249, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.301 County libraries; establishment, contracts for service, tax.

Sec. 1. The board of supervisors of any county shall have the power to establish a public library free for the use of the inhabitants of such county and they may contract for the use, for such purposes, of a public library already established within the county, with the body having control of such library, to furnish library service to the people of the county under such terms and conditions as may be stated in such contract. The amount agreed to be paid for such service under such contract and the amount which the board may appropriate for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public library shall be a charge upon the county and the board may annually levy a tax on the taxable property of the county, to be levied and collected in like manner as other taxes in said county and paid to the county treasurer of said county and to be known as the library fund.

History: 1917, Act 138, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;--CL 1929, 8084;--Am. 1931, Act 249, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1943, Act 206, Imd. Eff. Apr. 17, 1943;--CL 1948, 397.301;--Am. 1956, Act 150, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956.

397.302 Library board; purpose; appointment and terms of members; voting; vacancy; expansion of board; board as body corporate; powers; cost of service.

Sec. 2. (1) To administer the county library fund, there shall be a library board consisting of 5 members appointed by the county board of commissioners for terms of 5 years each, except that the first members shall be appointed for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. In a county with a population of over 1,000,000, the superintendent of the intermediate school district serving the county, or, in a county with a population of over 1,500,000, his or her designee, shall be 1 of the members of the library board during the superintendent's term of office. Of the members appointed to the library board by the county board of commissioners in a county with a population of more than 700,000 but not more than 1,500,000, not more than 1 member may be a county commissioner, and that member shall have the same voting rights as other members of the library board.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1), if a county commissioner is serving on a library board after the effective date of the 1999 amendatory act that added this sentence, all of the following apply:

(a) Those county commissioners serving on a library board may serve the remainder of their terms and may be reappointed to the library board.

(b) A county board of commissioners may appoint a county commissioner to fill a vacancy on the library board created by a county commissioner's departure from the board.

(c) If a county board of commissioners does not appoint a county commissioner to fill a vacancy created by a county commissioner's departure from the board, that board position occupied by the departing county commissioner shall not subsequently be occupied by a county commissioner.

(3) By resolution and only on the request of the county library board, the county board of commissioners in a county with a population of over 1,000,000 may expand the library board to 7 members. If the superintendent of the intermediate school district, or, in a county with a population of over 1,500,000, his or her designee, is serving on the library board when the board is expanded, the 2

additional members shall be appointed to terms that correspond to the term of the member replaced by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

(4) The board shall be a body corporate and shall be authorized to contract for the leasing, construction, or maintenance of buildings or quarters, including the acquisition of sites, to house the county library service, and to do any other thing necessary for the conducting of the county library service, the cost of the county library service to be a charge against the county library fund.

History: 1917, Act 138, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;--CL 1929, 8085;--Am. 1937, Act 113, Imd. Eff. June 24, 1937;--Am. 1943, Act 206, Imd. Eff. Apr. 17, 1943;--CL 1948, 397.302;--Am. 1966, Act 67, Imd. Eff. June 9, 1966;--Am. 1974, Act 110, Imd. Eff. May 21, 1974;--Am. 1985, Act 191, Imd. Eff. Dec. 20, 1985;--Am. 1994, Act 77, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1994;--Am. 1999, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 15, 1999.

397.303 Contract for use of existing library; county library fund.

Sec. 3. In case a contract shall be made with an existing library, the county library fund shall be administered by the county library board and such contract, and all services provided for thereunder, shall be supervised by the county library board; and all employees engaged in the execution and carrying out of such contract shall be county employees, except those furnished and employed by the library rendering such services in accordance with or fulfillment of such contract.

History: 1917, Act 138, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;--CL 1929, 8086;--Am. 1937, Act 113, Imd. Eff. June 24, 1937;--Am. 1943, Act 206, Imd. Eff. Apr. 17, 1943;--CL 1948, 397.303.

397.304 County library fund; disbursement.

Sec. 4. Said fund shall be paid by the county treasurer upon the order or warrants of said library board.

History: 1917, Act 138, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;--CL 1929, 8087;--Am. 1943, Act 206, Imd. Eff. Apr. 17, 1943;--CL 1948, 397.304.

397.305 Contract for service to municipality; tax; effect of establishment of municipal library.

Sec. 5. Any county possessing a county library or any board of trustees of a regional library may enter into a contract with 1 or more counties, townships, villages, cities and/or other municipalities to secure to the residents of such municipality such library service as may be agreed upon, and the money received for the furnishing of such service shall be deposited to the credit of the library fund. Any municipality contracting for such library service shall have the power to levy a library tax in the same manner and amount as authorized in section 1 hereof for the purpose of paying therefor. Any municipality contracting for such library service may at any time establish a public library free for the use of its inhabitants, whereupon its contract for said service may be continued or terminated on such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties thereto.

History: Add. 1931, Act 249, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 397.305.

TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE LIBRARIES

Act 5 of 1917

AN ACT authorizing organized townships and incorporated villages in the state of Michigan to borrow money and to issue bonds therefor for the purpose of establishing free public libraries, purchasing sites and constructing buildings thereon.

History: 1917, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1917.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.321 Townships and villages; issuance of library bonds, approval by electors.

Sec. 1. The township board of any organized township and the village council, or board of trustees, of any incorporated village in the state of Michigan are hereby authorized and empowered, upon an application signed by not less than 25 qualified electors of such township or incorporated village being first filed with the said township board, village council, or board of trustees, as the case may be, to borrow a sum of money, not exceeding 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of such township, or incorporated village, on the faith and credit of such township, or incorporated village, and to issue the bond, or bonds of such township, or incorporated village, therefor; the money so borrowed to be used for the purpose of establishing a free public library, for purchasing a site for the same or constructing buildings thereon: Provided, That a majority of the voters of such township, or incorporated village, voting thereon at a township meeting, a general election, or at a special election called by the township board, or at a general or special election called by the village council, or board of trustees, for that purpose, shall vote in favor thereof.

History: 1917, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1917;--CL 1929, 8088;--CL 1948, 397.321.

397.322 Referendum; notice.

Sec. 2. The question of issuing the bonds, provided for in section 1 of this act, shall be submitted to the legal voters of such township, or incorporated village, by the township board, the village council or board of trustees, within 30 days after the filing of the application mentioned in section 1, giving due notice thereof by causing the date, place of voting and object of said election to be stated in written or printed notices to be posted in 5 public places in such township, or incorporated village, at least 10 days before the time fixed by said board for such election, and by publishing the same in at least 1 newspaper published in said township, or incorporated village, or if none be published in said township, or incorporated village, then in some newspaper published in the same county, which is circulated in such township or incorporated village, at least 2 weeks before the time of such election. Such notice shall state the amount of money proposed to be raised by such bonding, and the purpose or purposes to which it shall be applied.

History: 1917, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1917;--CL 1929, 8089;--CL 1948, 397.322.

397.323 Referendum; form of ballot; election process.

Sec. 3. The vote upon such proposition shall be by printed ballot, and such ballots shall be in the following form:

"For the issuing of bonds to (Purpose) Yes [ ]."

"For the issuing of bonds to (Purpose) No [ ]."

The election shall be conducted and the votes canvassed in all respects, as in other township or village elections.

History: 1917, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1917;--CL 1929, 8090;--CL 1948, 397.323.

397.324 Library bonds; vote; issuance; subject to revised municipal finance act.

Sec. 4. If at an election a majority of the qualified electors present and voting upon the proposition vote in favor of the loan, the bonds shall be issued by the township board of the township or the village council or board of trustees of the village, as the case may be. Bonds issued under this act are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

History: 1917, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1917;--CL 1929, 8091;--CL 1948, 397.324;--Am. 2002, Act 332, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

397.325 Repealed. 2002, Act 332, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to issuance of bonds negotiated at less than par.

397.326 Declaration of necessity.

Sec. 6. It is hereby declared that this act is immediately necessary for the public health, peace and safety.

History: 1917, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 9, 1917;--CL 1929, 8093;--CL 1948, 397.326.

CONSOLIDATION OF TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

Act 165 of 1927

AN ACT to authorize the consolidation of township libraries in adjoining townships in certain cases; to provide for their joint maintenance; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.
History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--Am. 1998, Act 184, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.351 Consolidation of township libraries; procedure.
Sec. 1. It shall hereafter be lawful for the township boards of adjoining townships in the same county, by joint action of the respective township boards of such townships, by proceeding as hereinafter provided, to consolidate the libraries in each township into 1 library, and to designate the site thereof.
History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8094 ;--CL 1948, 397.351.

397.352 Referendum; petition.
Sec. 2. (1) If the township board of each township that has a library is presented with a petition, signed by registered electors equal to not less than 25% of the registered electors of each township, the township board shall promptly adopt a resolution submitting the question of consolidation of the libraries of the 2 townships to the qualified electors of each township at any regular election or special election duly called for that purpose.
(2) A petition under subsection (1), including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in subsection (1) is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.
History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8095;--CL 1948, 397.352;--Am. 1998, Act 184, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

397.353 Referendum; form of ballot; conduct of election.
Sec. 3. The election shall be by ballot in substantially the following form:
"Shall the township libraries of ..... and ..... townships be consolidated?
Yes [ ]
No [ ]."
The election shall be conducted in every respect the same as other special or general elections are conducted, and the results canvassed and certified in like manner.
History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8096;--CL 1948, 397.353.

397.354 Referendum; meeting to pass joint resolution; consolidation.
Sec. 4. If the proposition shall be carried by a majority of those voting at the election, in each township, and the respective election boards shall so certify, the respective township boards shall meet together in the township casting the largest vote at such election and shall pass a joint resolution, which shall be recorded in the minutes of the clerk of each board, canvassing the returns of the elections, and shall formally consolidate the township libraries of the 2 townships.
History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8097;--CL 1948, 397.354.

397.355 Site of library; designation.
Sec. 5. Such resolution shall designate the site of the library, and if not able to agree by a majority vote of the board members present and voting, the county commissioner of schools shall choose a site properly located and most advantageous to the townships.
History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8098;--CL 1948, 397.355.

397.356 Maintenance expenses; apportionment.

Sec. 6. The expense of maintenance for the ensuing year shall be estimated, and the expense apportioned between the 2 townships in proportion to their respective assessed valuations for the preceding year, and such tax certified by the clerk of each board to its respective supervisor.

History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8099;--CL 1948, 397.356.

397.357 Control of library.

Sec. 7. Said library when so consolidated shall be under the joint control of the township boards, and any matter upon which they can not agree shall be decided by the county commissioner of schools. Not more than 2 joint meetings per year shall be held.

History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8100;--CL 1948, 397.357.

397.358 Free public library; formation.

Sec. 8. After consolidation, the library may be formed into a free public library, with provisional board of directors in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, upon proper procedure for that purpose, jointly taken by the township boards of the townships consolidating.

History: 1927, Act 165, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;--CL 1929, 8101;--CL 1948, 397.358.

PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Act 213 of 1925

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance and operation of libraries for public use, owned or controlled by associations or individuals.

History: 1925, Act 213, Imd. Eff. May 6, 1925.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.371 Privately owned libraries; public support, limitation, conditions.

Sec. 1. Any township, city or village within this state, having within its limits a library that had been open to the public upon the payment of dues, may appropriate not to exceed 1/2 of 1 mill on its assessed valuation for the support of such library, and such sum or sums shall be raised by taxation in the ordinary way: Provided, That any library so receiving support from any municipality shall be kept open for the convenience of the public not less than the afternoons and evenings of 3 days of each week, and the books therein shall be for the free use of the public under such reasonable restrictions as such library shall prescribe.

History: 1925, Act 213, Imd. Eff. May 6, 1925;--CL 1929, 8102;--CL 1948, 397.371.

PUBLIC LIBRARY; GIFTS AND DONATIONS

Act 136 of 1921

AN ACT to authorize and facilitate the acquisition and disposal of public library property by public corporations empowered to maintain public libraries.

History: 1921, Act 136, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.381 Gifts and donations; acceptance; use; transfer to community foundation; establishment of donor advisory board; definitions.

Sec. 1. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library may receive and accept gifts and donations of real or personal property, for the library, and shall hold, use, and apply the property received for the purposes, in accordance with the provisions, and subject to the conditions and limitations, if any, set forth in the instrument of gift.

(2) A board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library may transfer a gift of intangible personal property, other than a federal or state grant, described in subsection (1), or the proceeds from that gift to a community foundation. If a gift received by a board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library was subject to certain conditions, limitations, or requirements, the transfer must be to a component fund within the community foundation that incorporates conditions, limitations, or requirements that are substantially similar. If a gift was not subject to conditions, limitations, or requirements, the transfer must be to a component fund of the community foundation that imposes conditions, limitations, or requirements on the use of the property for the purpose of maintaining the public library.

(3) A transfer of a gift described in subsection (1) by a board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library to a component fund within a community foundation that satisfies the conditions under subsection (2), before the effective date of the amendatory act that amended this section, is valid.

(4) A community foundation to which a gift is transferred pursuant to this section shall return the gift to the board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library, that transferred the gift if 1 or more of the following occur:

(a) The community foundation fails to meet all of the requirements for certification as a community foundation set forth in section 261 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.261.

(b) The community foundation is liquidated.

(c) The community foundation substantially violates any condition, limitation, or requirement imposed on the gift.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), a community foundation shall establish a donor advisory board before a gift is transferred to that community foundation under this section. The donor advisory board shall include not less than 1 representative of the board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library transferring the gift. The donor advisory board shall do all of the following:

(a) Determine that any condition, limitation, or requirement on the use of the transferred gift is complied with.

(b) Make recommendations for the use of the transferred gift.

(6) A board of education, library commission, or other public corporation empowered to maintain a public library that transfers a gift to a community foundation under this section may waive the establishment of the donor advisory board under subsection (5).

(7) As used in this section:

(a) “Community foundation” means that term as defined in section 261 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.261.

(b) “Component fund” means a component part of a community trust as described in 26 C.F.R. 1.170A-9.

History: 1921, Act 136, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;--CL 1929, 8103;--CL 1948, 397.381;--Am. 1998, Act 370, Imd. Eff. Oct. 20, 1998.

397.382 Donations; disposition.

Sec. 2. Whenever any property, real or personal, now or hereafter held and used for the purpose of a public library by any board of education, library commission or other public corporation shall, in the judgment of such corporation, be no longer needed for such purpose, such property may be sold and disposed of by such corporation unless such sale and disposal be inconsistent with the terms and conditions upon which such property was acquired, at such price and upon such terms and conditions as said corporation may deem proper, and the proceeds thereof shall by said corporation be used and applied for the purpose of such library.

History: 1921, Act 136, Eff. Aug. 18, 1921;--CL 1929, 8104;--CL 1948, 397.382.

LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

Act 26 of 1921 (1st Ex. Sess.)

AN ACT relative to library commissions in cities having a population of more than 250,000.
History: 1921, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 26, Eff. Sept. 19, 1921.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.401 Library commission; jurisdiction.
Sec. 1. The territory over which the library commission in any city having a population of more than 250,000 shall conduct the activities to it by law confided, and to which shall apply charges and obligations heretofore or hereafter imposed for the purposes of any said commission, shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of any said city and shall automatically change by and with any change in said boundaries.
History: 1921, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 26, Eff. Sept. 19, 1921;--CL 1929, 8105;--CL 1948, 397.401.

397.402 Library commission; annual budget.
Sec. 2. The annual budget of any said commission shall be prepared in manner and time provided by the charter of any said city concerning the budget thereof and shall be submitted to and passed upon by the officers and boards of any said city as are the items in the budget thereof.
History: 1921, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 26, Eff. Sept. 19, 1921;--CL 1929, 8106;--CL 1948, 397.402.

397.403 Library commission; fiscal year.
Sec. 3. The fiscal year of any said commission shall be identical with that of any said city.
History: 1921, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 26, Eff. Sept. 19, 1921;--CL 1929, 8107;--CL 1948, 397.403.

397.404 Effect of local act; continuation.
Sec. 4. The relation of officers or agencies of any said city to the affairs of any said commission growing out of any special or local act of the state legislature shall continue in officers or agencies of any said city on revision or amendment of said special or local act by the electors of any said city.
History: 1921, 1st Ex. Sess., Act 26, Eff. Sept. 19, 1921;--CL 1929, 8108;--CL 1948, 397.404.

397.405 Payrolls, bills, accounts and claims; audit and approval; certificate; allowance, payment.
Sec. 5. All payrolls, bills, accounts and claims of every character against the library commission after having been duly audited and approved by the commission, the certificate of which audit and approval shall be endorsed thereon by the president or secretary of the commission or some member or other representative of the commission acting under authority conferred by the commission generally or specially, shall be transmitted to the city controller, who shall endorse thereon his approval or disapproval. When so endorsed with approval the controller shall draw his warrant or warrants on the city treasurer in payment therefor. No bill, account or claim shall be audited or approved by the commission unless the same shall be accompanied by a certificate of a representative of the commission who acted for the commission in making the purchase or contract or in taking the delivery or performance that he verily believes the services or property therein charged have been actually performed or delivered for the commission, that the sum or sums charged therefor are reasonable and just, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief no setoff exists, nor payment has been made on account thereof except such as are included or referred to in such account. A similar certificate shall be required upon all payrolls, the certificate to be made by the person under whose supervision the services charged have been rendered. The provisions hereof shall be in addition to any provisions covering the same matters in any general or local act or charter adopted pursuant to Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, being sections 117.1 to 117.38 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.
History: Add. 1947, Act 185, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;--CL 1948, 397.405;--Am. 1967, Act 220, Eff. Nov. 2, 1967.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Act 115 of 1899

AN ACT to create a state board of library commissioners, to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries, and to provide an appropriation therefor.

History: 1899, Act 115, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1899.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.453 Free libraries; annual report to state board of library commissioners.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of all free libraries organized under the laws of the state, whether general or special, to make an annual report to the board of library commissioners, which report shall conform as near as may be reasonable and convenient, as to time and form such rules as the board may prescribe.

History: 1899, Act 115, Imd. Eff. June 1, 1899;--CL 1915, 1152;--CL 1929, 8054;--CL 1948, 397.453.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Act 92 of 1952

AN ACT to provide for cooperation and coordination in the maintenance and operation of libraries open for use by the public generally; to authorize certain contracts or arrangements for extension of library services; and to authorize the legislative body of political subdivisions to contract and pay therefor.

History: 1952, Act 92, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;--Am. 1953, Act 152, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.471 Public libraries; maintenance and operation, contracts; cooperation to avoid duplication.

Sec. 1. The officers, agency or other authority charged by law with the maintenance and operation of any library for general public use may enter into and perform contracts or arrangements with the officers, agency or other authority likewise charged in respect of any other such library for cooperation and coordination in the maintenance and operation of the libraries to avoid unnecessary duplication and at the same time promote the widest public use of books, manuscripts and other materials and facilities and bring about the supplementing of the 1 library by the other, which may include the accumulating of books, manuscripts and other materials and facilities, to whichever library belonging, of the same general nature or pertaining to the same general subject in such library as will best facilitate access thereto and promote the best use thereof by the members of the public desiring so to do.

The officers, agencies or other authorities, jointly or severally, may enter into contracts or arrangements to make available to political subdivisions of the state, including school districts, otherwise authorized by law to maintain libraries, such library services and facilities as will promote the widest public use of books and avoid unnecessary duplication and expense.

History: 1952, Act 92, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;--Am. 1953, Act 152, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953;--Am. 1962, Act 59, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963.

397.472 Public libraries; contracts and arrangements; rights and privileges of residents; expenditures; political subdivisions.

Sec. 2. Such contracts and arrangements may be made between and among any number of such libraries. Any library supported in whole or in part by taxes or other public funds or competent in law to be so supported shall be eligible to be included in any such contract or arrangement by whatever authority such library may be maintained and operated. Residents of the territory subject to taxation for support of any library entering into any such contracts or arrangements shall have such rights and privileges in the use of the respective libraries entering into like contracts and arrangements as shall be provided therein. If the expenditures generally of such library shall by the law under which maintained and operated be subject to being budgeted and approved, any expenditure by such library required for carrying out any such contract or arrangement shall be likewise so subject.

The provisions hereof shall be broadly and liberally construed and applied and any provision in any contract or arrangement reasonably tending to effectuate in any part the intents and purposes hereof shall be deemed within the authority hereby granted. Any political subdivision of the state, including school districts, now or hereafter authorized by law to establish or maintain libraries or library services, may enter into contracts or arrangements for library services and facilities provided in section 1 and provide for the payments of obligations arising from such contracts or arrangements by resolution of the legislative body of the political subdivision or school district or in any other manner provided by law.

History: 1952, Act 92, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;--Am. 1953, Act 152, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953;--Am. 1962, Act 59, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963.

STATE LIBRARY FOR BLIND

Act 127 of 1959

AN ACT to transfer jurisdiction and control of the state library for the blind to the state board for libraries.
History: 1959, Act 127, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.491 State library for blind; transfer to state board for libraries.
Sec. 1. The state library for the blind, located at the employment institution for the blind at Saginaw, is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the state board for libraries.
History: 1959, Act 127, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

397.492 State library for blind; administration, rules and regulations.
Sec. 2. The state board for libraries shall have full power to administer this library, determine standards of operation, and make rules and regulations that will best serve both Braille and talking book readers.
History: 1959, Act 127, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

397.493 State library for blind; appropriation.
Sec. 3. The state board for libraries shall administer the appropriation for said library.
History: 1959, Act 127, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

397.494 State library for blind; personnel, qualifications.
Sec. 4. The state board for libraries shall have full power to determine the qualifications of the personnel in said library and fill all vacancies, subject to the state civil service regulations.
History: 1959, Act 127, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

397.495 State library for blind; transfer of powers and duties to state board for libraries.
Sec. 5. Any and all powers and duties vested by any law of this state in the state library for the blind are hereby transferred and vested in the state board for libraries.
History: 1959, Act 127, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT

Act 89 of 1977

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of cooperative libraries; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of history, arts, and libraries; to provide state aid for public libraries participating in cooperative libraries; to prescribe the powers and duties of cooperative library boards; to provide an appropriation; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 1982, Act 541, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.551 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "state aid to public libraries act".

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

397.552 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Department" means the department of history, arts, and libraries.

(b) "Local board" means the board of trustees or directors that has as its primary purpose the supervision of a local public library, or that board contracting for library service, or, if such a board does not exist, the legislative body of the local government that maintains the public library.

(c) "Local support" means funds from tax sources, gifts, endowments, penal fines, or other funds received from local sources, excluding state and federal aid as stated in this act.

(d) "Public library" means a library that is lawfully established for free public purposes by 1 or more counties, cities, townships, villages, school districts, or other local governments or a combination thereof, or by a public or local act, the entire interests of which belong to the general public. Public library does not include a special library such as a professional, technical, or school library.

(e) "Cooperative board" means the governing board of a cooperative library.

(f) "Cooperative library" means the library or service center designated by a cooperative board to execute services established by a cooperative plan and provided to libraries participating in a cooperative.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 1982, Act 541, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.553 Cooperative boards; establishment; number.

Sec. 3. Cooperative boards representing local public libraries shall be established in accordance with this act and approved by the department. The number of cooperative boards shall be determined by the department in accordance with section 6.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.554 Preliminary cooperative plan for library services; contents; development.

Sec. 4. A preliminary cooperative plan for library services which sets forth a statement describing the specific services that will be rendered to those libraries participating in a cooperative library, the means and agencies by which the services will be rendered without duplication of existing resources and expertise, and the cooperative board that will receive funds and execute duties shall be developed by participating local public library boards.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

397.555 Eligibility for membership in cooperative library.

Sec. 5. To be eligible for membership in a cooperative library, a local library shall do all of the following:

(a) Maintain a minimum local support of 3/10 of a mill on taxable value, as taxable value is calculated under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a, in the fiscal year before October 1 of the year before distribution.

(b) Participate in the development of cooperative library plans.
(c) Loan materials to other libraries participating in the cooperative library.
(d) Maintain an open door policy to the residents of the state, as provided by section 9 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.
History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2000, Act 340, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 2000.

397.556 Areas included in cooperative library.

Sec. 6. A cooperative library shall include those areas consisting of 1 of the following:
(a) Two or more counties with a total population of at least 100,000.
(b) One county plus portions of other counties with a population of at least 100,000.
(c) One county or portion of the county with a population of at least 400,000.
(d) Portions of 2 or more counties with a population of at least 350,000.
(e) Combinations of counties or portions of counties serving a population of at least 50,000, if the region served has a population of 35 or fewer persons per square mile.
(f) The area covered by a cooperative library shall recognize the geosocioeconomic conditions within that area and regions established for governmental purposes throughout the state. A local board placed in a cooperative library shall have the option to petition the department to be placed in a different cooperative library or to join with other local boards to form a cooperative library under this act. A local board serving an area adjoining more than 1 cooperative library shall have the option to determine the cooperative library in which it participates.
(g) The system board of an existing library system serving over 750,000 population may petition the department for designation as a cooperative board, and the department shall designate that system board, as already constituted, as the cooperative board. If a cooperative board is a county library board, the cooperative plan shall provide for expanding the cooperative board to represent proportionately the population served in any other county or counties within the area of the cooperative library. This expanded cooperative board shall have authority over those matters affecting the operation of the cooperative library except for the property, personnel, and governmental relationships of the county whose board was designated as the cooperative board, which matters shall continue to be the responsibility of that county library board. The department shall include in the cooperative library serving over 750,000 population the communities presently served by the existing system and all other communities not in another cooperative library within counties represented by members on the expanded cooperative board other than the designated system board members.
History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;-- Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001;-- Am. 2005, Act 30, Imd. Eff. May 25, 2005

397.557 Cooperative library board as representative of participating libraries; selection of members; existing systems.

Sec. 7. A cooperative library board shall be representative of the participating libraries except as specifically provided in section 6. It shall consist of 9 members with the method of selection to be stated in the approved plan as provided in section 4. In the case of existing systems which otherwise qualify as cooperative libraries, the number of board members and their relationship to existing governmental units may continue if approved by a majority of the participating libraries and specified in the approved plan.
History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

397.558 Cooperative library board as body corporate; powers and duties; installment purchase contract, land contract, loan agreement, or lease purchase contract.

Sec. 8. (1) The cooperative board is a body corporate and may sue and be sued.
(2) The cooperative board shall do all of the following:
(a) Operate the cooperative library and manage and control the cooperative library's funds and property.
(b) Select a chairperson.
(c) Establish, maintain, and operate cooperative services for public libraries in the cooperative library's area.
(d) Appoint a director or coordinator to administer the cooperative library, fix that person's compensation, and delegate to that person those powers the delegation of which is in the best interest of the cooperative library, including the power to hire necessary employees.

(e) Acquire books, periodicals, library materials, equipment, supplies, or other personal property by purchase, installment purchase contract, or lease with or without an option to purchase, or enter into a loan agreement and borrow money for that purpose.
(f) Erect buildings or acquire real property, including buildings and fixtures, by purchase, land contract, installment purchase contract, or lease with or without an option to purchase, or enter into a loan agreement and borrow money for that purpose.
(g) Enter into contracts to receive service from or give service to libraries in the state, including public, school, academic, cooperative, or special libraries, and political subdivisions of the state.
(h) Exclusively control expenditures for the cooperative library.
(i) Accept gifts and donations of property for the benefit of the cooperative library and for the purposes for which donated.
(j) Adopt bylaws and rules not inconsistent with this act for its own government and do those things necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

(3) All of the following shall apply to an installment purchase contract, land contract, loan agreement, or lease purchase contract entered into pursuant to subsection (2):
(a) The contract shall not constitute an indebtedness of any member of the cooperative library within any constitutional, charter, or statutory limitation.
(b) Principal and interest are payable solely from the revenues of the cooperative library.
(c) No member of the cooperative library shall pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of principal and interest on the contract.
(d) Interest on the unpaid principal amount of the contract shall not be treated as excluded from gross income under the internal revenue code.

(4) An installment purchase contract, land contract, lease purchase contract, or loan agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (2) shall contain a statement setting forth the provisions of subsection (3).

(5) An installment purchase contract, land contract, lease purchase agreement, or loan agreement entered into by the cooperative board for a purpose discussed in subsection (2) that occurred prior to the effective date of the 1995 amendatory act that added this subsection is validated and made legal for all purposes.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 1995, Act 231, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1995.

397.559 Submission and contents of plan; approval of plan; jurisdiction.

Sec. 9. Following establishment of a cooperative board, the cooperative board shall submit to the department a plan that designates and describes the responsibilities of the cooperative library, provides for future selection of cooperative board membership, and gives notice of the cooperative board's meeting dates. The original plan and any substantial modification shall be approved by the department. A cooperative board has no jurisdiction over the property or management of a local library.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.560 Fiscal year and funds of cooperative library.

Sec. 10. The fiscal year of the cooperative library is October 1 to September 30, except where the cooperative library must conform to the fiscal year fixed by another state law or local charter. The funds of the cooperative library shall be deposited in banks designated by the cooperative library board.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

397.561 Use of facilities and resources of member libraries; availability of services of cooperative library; appeal from refusal of service.

Sec. 11. Following establishment of a cooperative board, residents of the cooperative library's area are eligible to use the facilities and resources of the member libraries subject to the rules of the cooperative library plan. Services of the cooperative library, including those of participating libraries, are to be available at reasonable times and on an equal basis within the areas served to schoolchildren, individuals in public and nonpublic institutions of learning, and a student or resident within the area. An applicant refused service may appeal to the department, which shall review the operation of the cooperative library and may withhold state aid funds until the services are granted.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 1984, Act 432, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 1985;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.561a Nonresident borrowing fees.

Sec. 11a. A library may charge nonresident borrowing fees to a person residing outside of the library's service area, including a person residing within the cooperative library's service area to which that library is assigned, if the fee does not exceed the costs incurred by the library in making borrowing privileges available to nonresidents including, but not limited to, the costs, direct and indirect, of issuing a library card, facilitating the return of loaned materials, and the attendant cost of administration.

History: Add. 1984, Act 432, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 1985.

397.562 Resolution requesting local board to become participating library; rights, duties, and privileges of participating library.

Sec. 12. Once a cooperative plan has been accepted by the department and a cooperative board has been established, a local board shall adopt a resolution requesting that the local library become a participating library in the cooperative library. Duplicate copies of the resolution, certified by the clerk of the local board, shall be filed with the cooperative board. The cooperative board shall accept or show reason for denial of the request for membership within 60 days after filing. When the cooperative board has accepted the resolution, the resolution and the acceptance shall be indorsed and a copy filed with the department. The participating library has the same rights, duties, and privileges as other libraries participating in that cooperative library.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.563 State aid for cooperative libraries.

Sec. 13. A cooperative library shall be granted continuing state aid at the rate of 50 cents per capita for its served population.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

397.564 Cooperative board to provide services to member libraries within area of cooperative library.

Sec. 14. A cooperative board shall provide, directly or through a written contract, services to member libraries within the cooperative library's area. The services, subject to standards approved by the department in consultation with the state librarian, may include:

(a) A central pool or rotating book collection.

(b) In-service training.

(c) Book selection aids.

(d) Bibliographic services.

(e) Audio-visual services.

(f) Bookmobile service or other outlets to outlying areas.

(g) Publicity and public relations.

(h) Printing.

(i) A centralized purchasing operation.

(j) Centralized processing, including cataloging and marking.

(k) Reference services.

(l) Delivery service.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.565 Payment for services by member libraries; cooperative library headquarters.

Sec. 15. When the state aid grant is insufficient to provide all services, the member libraries may be required to pay for services in a priority order to be specified in the cooperative plan. Cooperative library headquarters shall be linked to the library of Michigan and may be required upon adequate funding to provide other services considered essential to good public library service and so designated by the department in consultation with the state librarian.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 1982, Act 541, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.566 State aid for public libraries; reimbursing public libraries for salary of head librarian; employee wage increases; certifying salary of head librarian.

Sec. 16. (1) A public library shall receive 35 cents per capita from state aid during the fiscal year 1977-78 if in the prior year the public library received local support equal to that required by this act.

(2) A public library shall receive 50 cents per capita from state aid during the fiscal year 1978-79 if in the prior year the public library received local support equal to that required by this act, the library has not reduced its local support by an amount equal to or larger than the state aid from the previous year without the approval of the department, and the library meets the minimum standards established by the department and this act.

(3) A public library belonging to a cooperative library shall receive from state aid for the fiscal year 1977-78 an additional 15 cents per capita, all or a part of which must be used to pay for cooperative services from the cooperative board as provided by section 15 and the cooperative plan.

(4) A public library belonging to a cooperative library shall receive from state aid each year after fiscal year 1977-78 an additional 50 cents per capita, all or part of which shall be used to pay for cooperative services from the cooperative board as provided by section 15 and the cooperative plan. When the cost of the cooperative library services has been paid, any remaining portion of the grant may be applied to local services under subsection (2). Each public library cooperative that qualifies under this act during fiscal year 1977-78 and following years shall receive an amount of $10.00 per square mile for the area that it serves if the area served has fewer than 75 people per square mile.

(5) A public library that is a county library serving a population of 50,000 or fewer that appoints to the office of head librarian a person with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science degree from a college or university approved by an accrediting association of more than statewide standing, including or supplemented by 1 full year of training in a library school accredited by the American library association and with at least 4 years' experience in an administrative capacity in an approved library, shall be reimbursed for that portion of the salary not exceeding $400.00 for any 1 month or $4,800.00 in any 1 year, if the county library received during the last completed fiscal year before the year in which distribution is to be made, from the county or counties not less than $3,600.00 exclusive of money received from federal or state grants in aid to the library. Wage increases to present employees shall be paid equally by the state and local governments. Before September 6, December 6, March 6, and June 6 of the year of distribution, the county library board or the board's authorized agent shall certify to the department the actual amount of the salary paid the head librarian during the 3-month period immediately preceding those months.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.567 Compliance with certification requirements as qualification for state aid.

Sec. 17. A cooperative library and public library shall conform to certification requirements for personnel as established by the department in order to qualify for state aid.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.568 Application for state aid; certification.

Sec. 18. A cooperative library and public library desiring to participate in state aid shall apply before February 1 of each year of distribution. The applicant shall certify to the department the amount of money received from each source during the last completed fiscal year before October 1 of the year of distribution.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.569 Distribution of state aid; statement; vouchers; warrants.

Sec. 19. The department shall prepare a statement of the amount to be distributed in accordance with this act. Vouchers for disbursement of state aid shall be signed by an authorized agent of the department and delivered to the department of management and budget, which shall draw up warrants on the department of treasury in favor of the fiscal agent of the cooperative board or local board. State aid shall be distributed by September 30 of the year of distribution.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.570 Deposit of money in separate fund; review of expenditures.

Sec. 20. A cooperative library or public library receiving state aid shall deposit the money in a separate fund. Expenditures from that fund are subject to review by the department or its authorized representative.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.571 Expenditure of state aid.

Sec. 21. State aid paid to a cooperative library or a public library may be used for any expenditure, including the cost of intersystem or intrasystem contracts.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

397.572 Dispute; hearing; decision.

Sec. 22. When there is a dispute concerning the cooperative library to which a public library shall belong, services rendered to member libraries, or the operations of a cooperative system which cannot be resolved on the local level, the department may hear the case. The decision of the department is final.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.573 Needs considered by state board in carrying out powers and duties.

Sec. 23. The department shall consider the following needs in carrying out its powers and duties:

(a) Library facilities shall be provided to residents of the area covered by a cooperative library without needless duplication of facilities, resources, or expertise.

(b) Establishment of a local public library may be approved for state aid purposes where local conditions require an additional local public library.

(c) Existing public libraries and new public libraries shall cooperate to provide adequate library services at a reasonable cost.

(d) Increased effort shall be made to provide residents the right to read, with added emphasis on areas which normally cannot provide those services.

(e) Local responsibility, initiative, and support for library service shall be recognized and respected when provision is made for adequate local and cooperative library service.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.574 Repealed. 1982, Act 541, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section conferred authority on state board to promulgate rules.

397.575 Appropriation.

Sec. 25. (1) There is appropriated for public libraries from the general fund of the state for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the sum necessary to fulfill the requirements of this act. The appropriation shall be distributed as provided in this act.

(2) It is the intent of the legislature that money available in subsection (1) be used solely for assistance to public libraries or cooperative libraries and not for the administrative expenses of the library of Michigan or the department of history, arts, and libraries.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977;--Am. 2001, Act 65, Eff. Oct. 1, 2001.

397.576 Repeal of §§ 397.501 to 397.527.

Sec. 26. Act No. 286 of the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 397.501 to 397.527 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is repealed.

History: 1977, Act 89, Imd. Eff. Aug. 2, 1977.

THE LIBRARY PRIVACY ACT

Act 455 of 1982

AN ACT to provide for the confidentiality of certain library records; and to provide for the selection and use of library materials.

History: 1982, Act 455, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.601 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the library privacy act".

History: 1982, Act 455, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

397.602 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Computer" means any connected, directly interoperable or interactive device, equipment, or facility that uses a computer program or other instructions to perform specific operations including logical, arithmetic, or memory functions with or on computer data or a computer program, and that can store, retrieve, alter, or communicate the results of the operations, to a person, computer program, computer, computer system, or computer network.

(b) "Computer network" means the interconnection of hardwire or wireless communication lines with a computer through remote terminals, or a complex consisting of 2 or more interconnected computers.

(c) "Computer program" means a series of internal or external instructions communicated in a form acceptable to a computer that directs the functioning of a computer, computer system, or computer network in a manner designed to provide or produce products or results from the computer, computer system, or computer network.

(d) "Computer system" means a set of related, connected or unconnected, computer equipment, devices, software, or hardware.

(e) "Device" includes, but is not limited to, an electronic, magnetic, electrochemical, biochemical, hydraulic, optical, or organic object that performs input, output, or storage functions by the manipulation of electronic, magnetic, or other impulses.

(f) "Harmful to minors" means that term as it is defined in section 4 of 1978 PA 33, MCL 722.674.

(g) "Internet" means that term as defined in section 230 of title II of the communications act of 1934, chapter 652, 110 Stat. 137, 47 U.S.C. 230.

(h) "Library" includes a library that is established by the state; a county, city, township, village, school district, or other local unit of government or authority or combination of local units of governments and authorities; a community college district; a college or university; or any private library open to the public.

(i) "Library record" means a document, record, or other method of storing information retained by a library that contains information that personally identifies a library patron, including the patron's name, address, or telephone number, or that identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific materials from a library. Library record does not include nonidentifying material that may be retained for the purpose of studying or evaluating the circulation of library materials in general.

(j) "Minor" means an individual who is less than 18 years of age.

(k) "Obscene" means that term as it is defined in section 2 of 1984 PA 343, MCL 752.362.

(l) "Sexually explicit matter" means that term as it is defined in section 3 of 1978 PA 33, MCL 722.673.

(m) "Terminal" means a device used to access the internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, or computer system.

History: 1982, Act 455, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1998, Act 7, Imd. Eff. Feb. 6, 1998;--Am. 1999, Act 37, Eff. Aug. 1, 1999.

397.603 Library record not subject to disclosure requirements; release or disclosure of library record without consent prohibited; exception; procedure and form of written consent; hearing.

Sec. 3. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a library record is not subject to the disclosure requirements of the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) Unless ordered by a court after giving the affected library notice of the request and an opportunity to be heard on the request, a library or an employee or agent of a library shall not release or disclose a library record or portion of a library record to a person without the written consent of the person liable for payment for or return of the materials identified in that library record.

(3) The procedure and form of giving written consent described in subsection (2) may be determined by the library.

(4) A library may appear and be represented by counsel at a hearing described in subsection (2).

History: 1982, Act 455, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983;--Am. 1996, Act 188, Imd. Eff. May 8, 1996.

397.604 Violation of § 397.603; liability; civil action; damages; attorney fees and costs.

Sec. 4. A library or an agent or employee of a library which violates section 3 shall be liable to the person identified in a record that is improperly released or disclosed. The person identified may bring a civil action for actual damages or $250.00, whichever is greater; reasonable attorney fees; and the costs of bringing the action.

History: 1982, Act 455, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

397.605 Selection and use of library materials.

Sec. 5. (1) Except as otherwise provided by statute or by a regulation adopted by the governing body of the library, the selection of library materials for inclusion in a library's collection shall be determined only by an employee of the library.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by law or by a regulation adopted by the governing body of the library, the use of library materials shall be determined only by an employee of the library.

History: 1982, Act 455, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

397.606 Restriction of internet access to minors; immunity from liability; exceptions.

Sec. 6. (1) If a library offers use of the internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, or computer system to the public, the governing body of that library shall adopt and require enforcement of a policy that restricts access to minors by providing the use of the internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, or computer system in 1 of the following ways:

(a) Both of the following:

(i) By making available, to individuals of any age, 1 or more terminals that are restricted from receiving obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.

(ii) By reserving, to individuals 18 years of age or older or minors who are accompanied by their parent or guardian, 1 or more terminals that are not restricted from receiving any material.

(b) By utilizing a system or method that is designed to prevent a minor from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.

(2) A governing body of a library, member of a governing body of a library, library, or an agent or employee of a governing body of a library or library, is immune from liability in a civil action as provided in section 7 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 691.1407.

(3) This section does not apply to a library established by a community college district, a college or university, or a private library open to the public.

History: Add. 1999, Act 37, Eff. Aug. 1, 1999;--Am. 2000, Act 212, Eff. Oct. 1, 2000.

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Act 271 of 1913

AN ACT to create the Michigan historical commission; to provide for the appointment of members of the commission; to fix their terms of office, prescribe their powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officers; to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act; to provide for the distribution of certain revenue; to provide for the listing and destruction of useless documents, books and papers; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

History: 1913, Act 271, Imd. Eff. May 8, 1913;--Am. 1943, Act 172, Eff. July 30, 1943;--Am. 1988, Act 467, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1988.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

399.5 Records; collection; preservation; copies as evidence; property of state; exceptions; inspection; disposal schedule.

Sec. 5. (1) The commission may collect from the public offices in this state records that are not in current use and are of value, in the opinion of the commission. A public official shall assist the commission in the collection of such records. The commission is the legal custodian of such records collected and transferred to its possession. The commission shall provide for their preservation, classification, arranging, and indexing, so that they may be made available for the use of the public. In a county where there is a public institution having a fireproof building and suitable arrangements for carefully keeping such records, so that in the opinion of the commission they can be safely stored, the records may be left in the possession of that institution. A list of the records shall be furnished to the commission and shall be kept in its office. A copy of the finding of the commission that such depository is a safe and a proper one in its opinion shall be made a part of the official records of the commission. If made and certified to by the secretary or archivist of the commission, a copy of such a record shall be admitted in evidence in court, with the same effect as if certified to by the original custodian of the record.

(2) A record that is required to be kept by a public officer in the discharge of duties imposed by law, that is required to be filed in a public office, or that is a memorial of a transaction of a public officer made in the discharge of a duty is the property of this state and shall not be disposed of, mutilated, or destroyed except as provided by law. This section does not apply to a bond, bill, note, interest coupon, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by a state, county, multicounty, school, or municipal agency, department, board, commission, or institution of government. The directing authority of each state, county, multicounty, school, or municipal agency, department, board, commission, or institution of government shall present to the commission a certified schedule governing disposal of, or a certified list or description of, the records that are useless and of no value to the governmental agency and to its duties to the public. The commission shall then inspect the records and shall requisition for transfer, from the directing authority to the commission, of records that the commission considers valuable.

(3) As soon as possible after the inspection by the commission and the transfer of considered valuable are completed, the directing authority of the agency, department, board, commission, or institution shall submit the schedule governing the disposal of, or the remainder of the list of, the records to the state administrative board, which shall approve or disapprove the disposal schedule or list and order the destruction of the valueless records accordingly.

History: 1913, Act 271, Imd. Eff. May 8, 1913;--CL 1915, 10731;--Am. 1923, Act 144, Eff. Aug. 30, 1923;--CL 1929, 8118;--Am. 1943, Act 172, Eff. July 30, 1943;--CL 1948, 399.5;--Am. 1952, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;--Am. 1955, Act 59, Eff. Oct. 14, 1955;--Am. 1959, Act 68, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960;--Am. 1992, Act 190, Imd. Eff. Oct. 5, 1992.

399.7 Department as custodian of historical publications; distribution and exchange of publications; free copies and sales of journal, Michigan history; price; costs; disposition and use of money.

Sec. 7. (1) The department shall be the custodian of the historical publications and may distribute, exchange, or both distribute and exchange the publications with domestic and foreign states, governments, and institutions.

(2) The department shall publish a journal entitled Michigan history and shall furnish 1 copy of the journal, free of charge, to each cooperative library in this state, if officially requested to do so by the officers of the library.

(3) The department shall furnish to each member of the legislature 1 copy of each journal published during the legislator's term, free of charge, if requested to do so by the legislator.

(4) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3), the department shall sell each copy of the journal, Michigan history, at a price set by the department. The printing, distribution, and promotion costs incurred by the journal shall be paid exclusively from the Michigan heritage publications fund.

(5) The department may raise or lower the selling price of Michigan history to reflect changes in printing, distribution, and promotion costs incurred by the journal.

(6) The money collected from the sale of Michigan history and the material listed in section 6(2) shall be credited to a revolving fund, which is hereby created and which shall be referred to as the Michigan heritage publications fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the Michigan heritage publications fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the Michigan heritage publications fund interest and earnings from fund investments. Money in the Michigan heritage publications fund shall be used to pay the printing, distribution, and promotion costs of Michigan history and the material listed in section 6(2). Money in the Michigan heritage publications fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the Michigan heritage publications fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

History: 1913, Act 271, Imd. Eff. May 8, 1913;--CL 1915, 10733 ;--Am. 1917, Act 192, Imd. Eff. May 8, 1917;--CL 1929, 8120;--Am. 1931, Act 245, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 399.7;--Am. 1978, Act 209, Imd. Eff. June 4, 1978;--Am. 1984, Act 309, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1984;--Am. 2001, Act 66, Imd. Eff. July 24, 2001.

THE MUSEUM DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ACT

Act 24 of 1992

AN ACT to provide for the disposition of property loaned to museums, archives, and libraries.
History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

399.601 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the museum disposition of property act".
History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.602 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:
(a) "Lender" means a person whose name appears on the records of the museum as the person legally entitled to property on loan to a museum, or a person the museum knows to be legally entitled to property on loan to a museum, or a person who establishes his or her legal entitlement to that property.
(b) "Loan" means a deposit of property that is not accompanied by a transfer of title to the property.
(c) "Museum" means an institution generally known as a museum, archives, or library located in this state that is or does each of the following:
(i) Established primarily for artistic, educational, scientific, historic, or preservation purposes.
(ii) Exhibits, cares for, studies, archives, or catalogs property.
(iii) Operated by a nonprofit corporation, college, university, or public agency.
(d) "Property" means an animate or inanimate object in a museum's possession or under a museum's care because of that object's artistic, educational, scientific, historic, or cultural value.
(e) "Undocumented property" means property in the possession of a museum, the owner or lender of which the museum has no reasonable means of identifying.
History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.603 Property loaned to museum on or after January 1, 1993; duties.

Sec. 3. For each item of property loaned to a museum on or after January 1, 1993, the museum shall do all of the following at the time of the loan:
(a) Make and retain a written record containing at least all of the following information:
(i) The owner's name, address, and telephone number.
(ii) The name, address, and telephone number of a person designated by the owner for the museum to contact in the event that the owner cannot be located.
(iii) A description of the property loaned.
(iv) The beginning date of the loan.
(v) The duration of the loan.
(b) Provide the lender a signed receipt or loan agreement containing at least the record set forth in subdivision (a).
(c) Inform the lender of the existence of this act and provide the lender with a copy of this act upon the lender's request.
History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.604 Property loaned to museum generally; duties.

Sec. 4. Regardless of the date of a loan of property, a museum shall do each of the following:
(a) Update its records if a lender informs the museum of a change of address or change in ownership of property loaned, or if the lender and museum negotiate a change in the duration of the loan.
(b) If the museum changes its address, do each of the following:
(i) Provide each lender whose name and address is known to the museum with written notice of the change of address by ordinary mail within 30 days of the change of address.

(ii) Publish a notice of the change of address at least twice, 60 or more days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the museum is located.

(c) If the museum is permanently closing, terminate each loan pursuant to section 7.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.605 Notice of change in lender or designee's address or ownership.

Sec. 5. For each item of property loaned to a museum on or after January 1, 1993, a lender shall provide the museum with written notice of a change in the lender's address, a change in the address of a person described in section 3(a)(ii), or a change in ownership of the property loaned.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.606 Notice by museum to terminate loan of property; conditions.

Sec. 6. Regardless of the date of a loan of property, beginning January 1, 1993, a museum may give notice of termination of a loan of property pursuant to section 7 under any of the following circumstances:

(a) The property was loaned to the museum for an indefinite term.

(b) The property was loaned to the museum for a specific term, and the term has expired.

(c) The property is undocumented property.

(d) The museum is permanently closing.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.607 Notice by museum to terminate loan of property; determining identity and last known address of lender; written statement included in notice; signed return receipt not received; publication of notice in newspaper.

Sec. 7. (1) Before terminating a loan of property, a museum shall provide notice of a termination of a loan of property as provided in this section. In providing notice of a termination of a loan of property, a museum shall employ all reasonable means to determine the identity and last known address of the lender of that property, and, if applicable, the identity and last known address of the lender's designee.

(2) If the museum determines the identity of the lender and the lender's last known address, the museum shall personally serve or send to that lender, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of termination of loan. The notice shall include a written statement substantially conforming to the following:

"Records of _____ (name of museum) indicate you loaned the following property to the museum _____ (description of property), on or about _____ (date of loan).

____ The term of the loan has expired.

____ The loan was for an indefinite time and the museum wishes to terminate the loan.

____ The museum is permanently closing.

(check appropriate blank)

You are required to contact the museum and make arrangements for the removal of the property. If you do not remove the property within 1 year of receiving this notice, you will be deemed to have donated the property to the museum and any ownership or other rights in the property you have shall end.

To make arrangements to pick up the property, please contact _____ (name of museum employee or office) at _____ (museum address), _____ (telephone number)."

(3) If a signed return receipt of a notice sent by certified mail to the lender under subsection (2) is not received by the museum within 30 days after the notice is mailed, the museum shall do 1 of the following:

(a) If records of the museum identify a lender's designee, the museum shall send notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that designee.

(b) If records of the museum do not identify a lender's designee, the museum shall make written request to the secretary of state for the lender's current address, and use all other reasonable means to determine the lender's current address. If the museum obtains the lender's current address, the museum shall proceed under subsection (2).

(4) If the museum is unable to determine the identity of the lender or the lender's last known address, the identity of the lender's designee or the designee's last known address, or if a signed return receipt of a notice sent by certified mail to the lender or the lender's designee under subsection (2) or (3) is not received by the museum within 30 days after the notice is mailed, the museum shall publish the

notice of termination of loan at least twice, 60 or more days apart, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the museum is located, and the county of the lender's most recent address, if known. The notice shall substantially conform to the following:

"The _____ (name of museum) was loaned the following property _____ (description of property), by _____ (name of lender, if known), of _____ (lender's last known address, if any) on or about _____ (approximate date of loan, if known).

If you claim ownership or another legal interest in this property, you are required to establish your interest and to remove the property from the museum within 1 year of the date of this notice, or your interest shall end.

To preserve your interest in the property, contact _____ (name of museum employee or office) at _____ (museum address), _____ (telephone number)."

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.608 Property loaned for indefinite term.

Sec. 8. Beginning January 1, 1993, regardless of the date of a loan of property, a lender may give notice of termination of a loan of property if the property was loaned for an indefinite term. The lender shall give the museum at least 60 days' notice before the lender intends to remove the property.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.609 Documentation establishing ownership.

Sec. 9. A museum shall require a person to provide documentation sufficient to establish that the person is a lender of an item of property or the authorized representative of the lender of an item of property before allowing that person to remove the property from the museum under this act.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.610 Competing claims for property.

Sec. 10. If more than 1 person claims to be the lender of an item of property, and the claims are competing, a museum may wait to release the property until the competing claims are resolved by agreement or legal action of the claimants.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.611 Museum gaining title to property; conditions; notice.

Sec. 11. (1) Beginning January 1, 1993, a museum gains title to an item of property, subject only to an interest or interests in that property previously recorded pursuant to state law, under any of the following circumstances:

(a) For an item of property for which a museum provides written notice to a lender or a lender's designee pursuant to section 7(2) or (3) and personal service is effectuated or a signed return receipt is received, if a lender of that item does not contact the museum within 1 year after the date notice was received.

(b) For an item of property for which newspaper publication is made pursuant to section 7(4), if a lender of that item does not contact the museum within 1 year after the date of second publication.

(c) Undocumented property that is not solicited by the museum and that is delivered to the museum or left on museum premises after January 1, 1993.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), beginning January 1, 1994, a museum gains title to undocumented property that has been in the possession of the museum for 35 or more consecutive years, subject only to an interest or interests in that undocumented property previously recorded pursuant to state law.

(3) A museum does not gain title to undocumented property that has been in its possession for 35 or more consecutive years unless all of the following occur:

(a) If the museum has an annual budget of more than $50,000.00, the museum publishes a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county within which the museum is located. The notice shall be prominently placed in the newspaper at least once each week for 2 or more weeks, shall be no less than 4 inches wide and 6 inches in height, with a black border that is not less than 1/4 inch wide, and shall include all of the following:

(i) The word "NOTICE" in not less than 25-point type.

(ii) A statement in not less than 22-point type in substantially the following form:

CERTAIN LOANED PROPERTY CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF _____ (NAME OF MUSEUM) WILL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE MUSEUM IF

UNCLAIMED, BEGINNING ON _____ (JANUARY 1, 1994, OR DATE WHICH IS 6 MONTHS OR MORE AFTER THE FINAL PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE, WHICHEVER IS LATER).

(iii) A statement in not less than 10-point type that follows the statement described in subparagraph (ii) and is in substantially the following form:

THE MUSEUM DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ACT AUTHORIZES _____ (NAME OF MUSEUM) TO BECOME THE OWNER OF PROPERTY LOANED TO THE MUSEUM AND POSSESSED BY THE MUSEUM FOR 35 OR MORE YEARS WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION OR EVIDENCE ESTABLISHING THE IDENTITY OF THE PROPERTY'S LENDER. A PERSON WHO WISHES TO PRESERVE AN INTEREST IN ANY UNDOCUMENTED PROPERTY WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN IN THE MUSEUM'S POSSESSION FOR 35 OR MORE YEARS ON _____ (DATE THAT IS USED IN THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION (A)(ii)) MUST CONTACT THE MUSEUM BEFORE THAT DATE. A PERSON WHO WISHES TO PRESERVE AN INTEREST IN OTHER UNDOCUMENTED PROPERTY MUST CONTACT THE MUSEUM BEFORE THE PROPERTY HAS REMAINED IN THE POSSESSION OF THE MUSEUM FOR 35 YEARS. UNDOCUMENTED PROPERTY THAT IS UNCLAIMED AFTER BEING IN THE MUSEUM'S POSSESSION FOR 35 YEARS BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE MUSEUM AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE THE MUSEUM TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING THE MUSEUM DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ACT OR YOUR OBLIGATION TO CONTACT THE MUSEUM REGARDING UNDOCUMENTED PROPERTY IN WHICH YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST.

(b) If the museum has an annual budget of $50,000.00 or less, the museum publishes a readily visible notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county within which the museum is located. The notice shall be in substantially the form described in subdivision (a), but the size of the notice, print, and border may be less than the size specified for each in subdivision (a).

(c) The museum posts a copy of a notice substantially corresponding to the notice described in subdivision (a)(i), (ii), and (iii) in a conspicuous location on the museum premises at the time notice is provided by newspaper publication under subdivision (a), and the notice remains posted in a conspicuous location until the museum has obtained title to all undocumented property in its possession under subsection (2).

(d) The museum does not receive documentation or other evidence establishing a person's ownership interest in the undocumented property within the applicable period of time specified in the published notices pursuant to subdivision (a)(iii).

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.612 Abrogation of rights and obligations.

Sec. 12. This act does not abrogate rights and obligations of a lender or museum identified in a written agreement.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

399.613 Immunity from civil liability.

Sec. 13. Beginning January 1, 1993, a museum that in good faith relinquishes property in compliance with this act to a lender is immune from civil liability for that relinquishment.

History: 1992, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Mar. 23, 1992.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND SOLICITATIONS ACT

Act 169 of 1975

AN ACT to regulate organizations and persons soliciting or collecting contributions for charitable purposes; to require registration, disclosure of information and licensing before solicitation of contributions; to provide for reporting of financial and other information by those licensed or registered and those claiming exemption; to prescribe standards of conduct and administration, and to prohibit certain actions; to provide for enforcement, investigation, and promulgation of rules by the attorney general; to preempt local regulation; to provide penalties for violations; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

400.271 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "charitable organizations and solicitations act".

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.272 Definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Charitable organization" means a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, or eleemosynary organization of persons which solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable purposes. A chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate or person soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside the state is a charitable organization. This definition does not include duly constituted religious organizations or a group affiliated with and forming an integral part of a religious organization no part of the net income of which inures to the direct benefit of any individual if it has received a declaration of current tax exempt status from the United States. The affiliated group shall not be required to obtain a declaration if the parent or principal organization has obtained tax exempt status. Charitable organization does not include a candidate or committee as defined in section 901 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, being section 168.901 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or a political party qualified to be on the general election ballot pursuant to section 560a of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as added, being section 168.560a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) "Contribution" means the promise, grant, or payment of money or property of any kind or value, including promises to pay, except payments by members of an organization for membership fees, dues, fines, or assessments, or for services rendered to individual members, if membership in the organization confers a bona fide right, privilege, professional standing, honor, or other direct benefit, other than the right to vote, elect officers, or hold offices, and except money or property received from a governmental authority or foundation restricted as to use.

(c) "Person" means an individual, organization, group, association, partnership, corporation, trust, or any combination of them.

(d) "Soliciting material" means printed or similar material, including but not limited to labels, posters, television scripts, radio scripts, or recordings used in soliciting funds from the public.

(e) "Solicitor" means a person who solicits on behalf of a charitable organization.

(f) "Professional fund raiser" means a person who for compensation or other consideration plans, conducts, manages, or carries on a drive or campaign of soliciting contributions for or on behalf of a charitable organization, religious organization, or any other person; or who engages in the business of or holds himself out as independently engaged in the business of soliciting contributions for such purposes. A bona fide officer or employee of a charitable organization is not a professional fund raiser unless his salary or other compensation is computed on the basis of funds to be raised or actually raised.

(g) “Professional solicitor” means a person who is employed or retained for compensation by a professional fund raiser to solicit contributions for charitable purposes.
(h) “Prohibited transaction” is that dealing, activity, conduct, administration, or management of the charitable organization or by any of its officers, trustees, personnel, or related persons which may be prohibited as constituting activity contrary to proper administration of the charitable organization or conduct of a fund raising campaign or solicitation by a professional fund raiser or solicitor.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.273 Charitable organization; application for license.

Sec. 3. Before a solicitation, a charitable organization which is not an exempt organization and which is not described in section 13, which solicits or intends to solicit or receives or intends to receive contributions from persons by any means whatsoever, shall file with the attorney general upon forms prescribed by him, an application for a license. It shall include the following information:
(a) The name of the organization and the name under which it intends to solicit contributions.
(b) The principal address of the organization and the address of any office in this state. If the organization does not maintain a principal office, the name and address of the person having custody of its financial records.
(c) The names and addresses of the officers, directors, trustees, chief executive officer, and state agent.
(d) Where and when the organization was legally established, the form of its organization, and its tax exempt status.
(e) The purpose for which it is organized and the purposes for which contributions to be solicited will be used.
(f) The fiscal year date of the organization.
(g) Whether the organization is or has ever been enjoined from soliciting contributions.
(h) All methods by which solicitations will be made.
(i) Copies of contracts between charitable organizations and professional fund raisers relating to financial compensation or profit to be derived by the professional fund raisers. When the contract is executed after filing of application statement, a copy shall be filed within 10 days of the date of execution.
(j) Other information as required by rule.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.274 Copies of contracts and soliciting materials.

Sec. 4. (1) True and correct copies of the contracts of professional fund raisers shall be kept on file in the offices of the charitable organization and the professional fund raiser during the term of employment and for 6 years subsequent to the date the solicitation of contributions provided for therein actually terminates.
(2) Copies of all soliciting materials shall be supplied upon request of the attorney general.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.275 Examination of license application; issuance of license; exceptions; purpose of license; suspension or revocation of license; notice; hearing; evidence of compliance.

Sec. 5. (1) An application in proper form and supported by material information required shall be examined by the attorney general. If the application and supporting material conforms to the requirements of this act and the rules, the attorney general shall issue a license to the charitable organization within 30 days, except where the organization has materially misrepresented or omitted information required or the organization has acted or is acting in violation of this act or rules promulgated hereunder.
(2) The license shall be without charge and issued to the charitable organization, its agents and representatives for the purpose of soliciting and receiving contributions and donations or to sell memberships or otherwise raise moneys from the public for the specified charitable purpose.
(3) A license issued to a professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, or a charitable organization, its agents and representatives may be suspended or revoked by the attorney general for violation of this act or rules promulgated hereunder, after reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard. The attorney general may suspend on an emergency basis, without hearing, any license issued to a professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, or a charitable organization when the attorney general

specifies in the notice of emergency suspension the reasons and grounds indicating a violation of this act or any rule which constitutes the emergency. The notice shall set forth that within 48 hours, at a designated time and place, a hearing shall be held on whether the license should be permanently suspended or revoked. The professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, or charitable organization may show compliance with the requirements of this act or the rules and shall have the burden of adducing the evidence.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.276 Notice of change in information; report.
Sec. 6. A charitable organization shall notify the attorney general within 30 days of any change in the information required to be furnished under section 3. A report shall be filed and signed by the president or other authorized officer and the chief fiscal officer of the organization.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.277 Expiration of license; renewal application and supporting information.
Sec. 7. The license of a charitable organization shall expire 1 year after the date of issuance. A charitable organization desiring renewal of a license shall file with the attorney general a renewal application and supporting information on or before 30 days prior to the expiration date.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.278 Documents; books and records; inspection.
Sec. 8. Documents required to be filed with the attorney general shall be open to public inspection. Persons subject to this act shall maintain accurate and detailed books and records at the office of the resident agent or the principal office which shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by the attorney general or his authorized representative.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.279 Local, county, or area division supervised and controlled by superior or parent organization; registration; application statement; annual report.
Sec. 9. If a local, county, or area division of a charitable organization is directly supervised and controlled by a superior or parent organization, which is incorporated, qualified to do business or doing business within this state, the local, county, or area division is not required to register under section 3 if the superior or parent organization files an application statement on behalf of the local, county, or area division in addition to or as part of its application statement. When an application statement has been filed by a superior or parent organization, it shall file the annual report required under sections 14 and 16 on behalf of the local, county, or area division in such detail as required by the rules.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.280 Rules.
Sec. 10. The attorney general may promulgate rules necessary for the administration of this act in accordance with and subject to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.315 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Emergency rules may not be promulgated pursuant to this act.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.281 Designation of resident agent; service of process.
Sec. 11. (1) An application for a license shall not be accepted from a charitable organization located in another state or country unless it first designates a resident agent in this state for the acceptance of process issued by any court.
(2) A charitable organization, person, professional fund raiser, or professional solicitor, soliciting contributions in this state but not maintaining an office within the state shall be subject to service of process as follows:
(a) By service on its registered agent within the state or if there is no registered agent, then upon the person who has been designated in the application statement as having custody of books and records within this state. When service is effected upon the person designated in the registration

statement a copy of the process shall be mailed to the charitable organization at its last known address.

(b) When a charitable organization has solicited contributions in this state but does not maintain an office within the state, have a registered agent within this state and have a designated person having custody of its books and records within the state, or when a registered agent or person having custody of its books and records within the state cannot be found as shown by the return of the sheriff of the county in which the registered agent or person having custody of books and records has been represented by the charitable organization as maintaining an office, service may be made as otherwise provided by law or court rules.

(3) Solicitation of a contribution within this state by any means, is the agreement of the charitable organization, person, professional fund raiser, or professional solicitor, that any process against it or him which is served in accordance with this section is of the same legal force and effect as if served personally.

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.282 Suspending filing of reports; written application and statement.

Sec. 12. Upon initial filing of an application statement pursuant to section 3, the attorney general may suspend for a reasonable, specifically designated time the filing of reports otherwise required by sections 14 and 15 as to a particular charitable corporation, trust, or organization incorporated or established for charitable purposes, upon written application filed with the attorney general, and after the attorney general has determined and acquiesced by a written statement that the interest of the public will not be prejudiced thereby.

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.283 Exemptions from licensing and financial statement requirements.

Sec. 13. The licensing and financial statement requirements of this act do not apply to any of the following:

(a) A person who requests a contribution for the relief or benefit of an individual, specified by name at the time of the solicitation, if the contributions collected are turned over to the named beneficiary after deducting reasonable expenses for costs of solicitation, if any, and if all fund-raising functions are carried on by persons who are unpaid, directly or indirectly, for their services.

(b) A person who does not intend to solicit and receive and does not actually receive contributions in excess of $8,000.00 during any 12-month period if all of its fund-raising functions are carried on by persons who are unpaid for their services and if the organization makes available to its members and the public a financial statement of its activities for the most recent fiscal year. If the gross contributions received during any 12-month period exceed $8,000.00, the person shall file an application for license with required supporting information as provided in section 3 within 30 days after the date it has received total contributions in excess of $8,000.00.

(c) An organization that does not invite the general public to become a member of the organization and confines solicitation activities to solicitation drives solely among its members and the members' immediate families, if the drives are not held more frequently than quarterly. “Immediate family” means the grandparents, parents, spouse, brothers, sisters, children, and grandchildren.

(d) An educational institution certified by the state board of education.

(e) A veterans' organization incorporated under federal law.

(f) An organization that receives funds from a charitable organization licensed under this act that does not solicit or intend to solicit or receive or intend to receive contributions from persons other than a charitable organization, if the organization makes available to its members and the public a financial statement of its activities for the most recent fiscal year.

(g) A licensed hospital, hospital based foundation, and hospital auxiliary that solicit funds solely for 1 or more licensed hospitals.

(h) A nonprofit service organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to a provision of the United States internal revenue code other than section 501(c)(3), whose principal purpose is not charitable, but solicits from time to time funds for a charitable purpose by members of the organization who are not paid for the solicitation. The funds shall be wholly used for the charitable purposes for which they were solicited, and the organization shall file with the attorney general a federal form 990 or 990 AR.

(i) A nonprofit corporation whose stock is wholly owned by a religious or fraternal society that owns and operates facilities for the aged and chronically ill in which no part of the net income from the operation of the corporation inures to the benefit of a person other than the residents.
(j) Charitable organizations licensed by the department of social services that serve children and families.
(k) A person registered under and complying with the requirements of the public safety solicitation act.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976;--Am. 1992, Act 299, Imd. Eff. Dec. 18, 1992.

400.284 Financial statement.

Sec. 14. A charitable organization subject to this act in support of its application for a license or renewal shall file with the attorney general a financial statement covering the immediately preceding 12-month period of operation containing information and detail as shall be required on forms prescribed by the attorney general.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.285 Repealed. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section required statement of basis for claiming continuing exemption.

400.286 Continuing license upon noncompliance.

Sec. 16. The attorney general may continue under conditions the license of an organization, professional fund raiser, or professional solicitor which fails to comply with this act including failure to comply with the rules regarding prohibited transactions, standards of solicitation, conduct, or administration.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.287 Professional fund raiser; application for license; bond; renewal of license; registration or reregistration of professional solicitor.

Sec. 17. (1) A person shall not act as a professional fund raiser for a charitable organization or charitable purpose before he has filed an application for a license with the attorney general or after the expiration or cancellation of a license or renewal thereof. Applications for license shall be in writing, under oath, in the form prescribed by the attorney general. The applicant when making application, shall file with and have approved by the attorney general a bond in which the applicant shall be the principal obligor, in the sum of $10,000.00. The bond shall run to the people of the state and to any person including charitable organizations who may have a cause of action against the obligor of the bond for any malfeasance or misfeasance in the conduct of the solicitation. The aggregate limit of liability of the surety to the state and to all the persons shall not exceed the sum of the bond. Application for renewal of licenses when effected shall be for a period of 1 year, or a part thereof, expiring on June 30, and may be renewed for additional 1-year periods upon written application, under oath, in the form prescribed by the attorney general and the filing of the bond.
(2) A person shall not act as a professional solicitor in the employ of a professional fund raiser required to be licensed before he has registered with the attorney general or after the expiration or cancellation of registration. Application for registration or reregistration shall be in writing, under oath, in the form prescribed by the attorney general. Registration or reregistration when effected shall be for a period of 1 year, or a part thereof, expiring on June 30, and may be renewed upon written application, under oath, in the form prescribed by the attorney general for additional 1-year periods.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.288 Using name of another for purpose of soliciting contributions; publishing names of contributors; prohibited names, symbols, or statements; identification.

Sec. 18. (1) A person shall not use for the purpose of soliciting contributions the name of another person, except that of an officer, director, or trustee of the charitable organization by or for which contributions are solicited, without the consent of such other person.
(2) A person has used the name of another person for the purpose of soliciting contributions if the latter person's name is listed on stationery, an advertisement, brochure, or in correspondence by which a contribution is solicited by or on behalf of a charitable organization or the name is listed or referred

to in connection with a request for a contribution as one who has contributed to, sponsored, or indorsed the organization or its activities.
(3) This section does not prevent the publication of names of contributors without their written consent in an annual or other periodic report issued by a charitable organization for the purpose of reporting on its operations and affairs to its membership or for the purpose of reporting contributions to contributors.
(4) A charitable organization or professional fund raiser soliciting contributions shall not use a name, symbol, or statement so closely related or similar to that used by another charitable organization or governmental agency that would tend to confuse or mislead the public.
(5) A charitable organization, whether exempt or not from this act, shall supply to each solicitor and each solicitor shall have in immediate possession identification which sets forth the name of the solicitor and the name of the charitable organization on whose behalf the solicitation is conducted.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.289 Repealed. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.
Compiler's Note: The repealed section contained provisions to licensure or registration.

400.290 Grounds for injunction, suspension of license, or revocation of license; operating under guise or pretense.
Sec. 20. (1) The attorney general may institute an action in any circuit court to enjoin preliminarily or permanently a charitable organization, professional fund raiser, solicitor, or other person who:
(a) Engages in a method, act, or practice in violation of this act or any of the rules promulgated hereunder.
(b) Employs or uses in a solicitation or collection of contributions for a charitable organization on behalf of any other person for a charitable purpose a device, scheme, or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of any false pretense, deception, representation, or promise.
(2) In addition to any relief afforded under this section, the attorney general may exercise the authority to suspend or revoke a license issued pursuant to this act.
(3) The attorney general may exercise the authority granted in this section against a charitable organization or person which or who operates under the guise or pretense of being an organization or person exempted by this act and is not in fact an organization or person entitled to such an exemption.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.291 Investigation; appearance; order; service; contempt; oath or affirmation.
Sec. 21. (1) The attorney general may investigate the operations or conduct of charitable organizations, professional fund raisers, or professional solicitors subject to this act. He may require a person, corporation, institution, or association, and the officers, members, and employees and agents thereof, to appear at a named time and place in the county designated by the attorney general or where the person resides or is found, to give information under oath and to produce books, memoranda, papers, records, documents of title, evidence of assets, liabilities, receipts, or disbursements in the possession or control of the person ordered to appear.
(2) When the attorney general requires the attendance of a person, he shall issue an order setting forth the time when and the place where attendance is required and shall cause the same to be served upon the person in the manner provided for service of process in civil cases at least 5 days before the date fixed for attendance. The order shall have the same force and effect as a subpoena and, upon application of the attorney general, obedience to the order may be enforced by a court having jurisdiction over the person, the circuit court for the county of Ingham, or for the county where the person receiving it resides or is found, in the same manner as though the notice were a subpoena. In case of contumacy or refusal to obey the order issued by the attorney general, the court may issue an order requiring the person to appear before the court or to produce documentary evidence, if so ordered, or to give evidence touching the matter in question. Failure to obey the order of the court shall be punished by that court as a contempt. The investigation may be made by or before an assistant attorney general designated in writing by the attorney general to conduct the investigation. The attorney general or the assistant attorney general acting in his behalf may administer the necessary oath or affirmation to witnesses.
History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.292 Powers and duties of attorney general not restricted.

Sec. 22. This act shall not be construed to limit or restrict the exercise of powers or the performance of the duties of the attorney general which he otherwise is authorized to exercise or perform under any other provisions of law.

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

400.293 Conduct constituting misdemeanor; penalty; prosecution.

Sec. 23. (1) A person who does any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $500.00, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both:

(a) Violates this act.

(b) Solicits and receives public donations, or sells memberships in this state for and on behalf of any organization, institution, or association subject to the provisions of this act and which is not duly licensed pursuant to this act.

(c) Solicits funds under a license and thereafter diverts the same to purposes other than that for which the funds were contributed.

(2) This section shall not be construed to limit or restrict prosecution under the general criminal statutes of the state.

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975;--Am. 1976, Act 368, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1976.

400.294 Repeal of §§ 400.301 to 400.304.

Sec. 24. Act No. 68 of the Public Acts of 1915, being sections 400.301 to 400.304 of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is repealed.

History: 1975, Act 169, Imd. Eff. July 20, 1975.

MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT

Act 154 of 1974

AN ACT to prescribe and regulate working conditions; to prescribe the duties of employers and employees as to places and conditions of employment; to create certain boards, commissions, committees, and divisions relative to occupational and construction health and safety; to prescribe their powers and duties and powers and duties of the department of labor and department of public health; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the directors of the departments of labor, public health, and agriculture; to impose an annual levy to provide revenue for the safety education and training division; to provide remedies and penalties; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; and to repeal certain acts and parts of act on specific dates.

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986;--Am. 1986, Act 147, Imd. Eff. July 2, 1986.

Compiler's Note: In the last sentence of this title, "act" evidently should read "acts".

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

408.1001 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michigan occupational safety and health act".

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975.

Compiler's Note: For transfer of powers and duties of the division of occupational health in the bureau of environmental and occupational health, with the exception of dry cleaning unit, from the department of public health to the director of the department of labor, see E.R.O. No. 1996-1, compiled at § 330.3101 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For transfer of powers and duties relating to the promulgation of rules by the general industry safety standards commission, the construction safety standards commission, the occupational health standards commission, and the board of health and safety compliance and appeals from the department of labor to the director of the department of consumer and industry services, see E.R.O. No. 1996-2, compiled at § 445.2001 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

408.1002 Scope of act; effect on statutory or common law.

Sec. 2. (1) This act shall apply to all places of employment in the state, except in domestic employment and in mines as defined in section 4.

(2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to supersede or in any manner affect any workers' compensation law, or to enlarge or diminish or affect in any other manner the common law or statutory rights, duties, or liabilities of employers and employees under any law with respect to injuries, diseases, or death of employees arising out of, or in the course of, employment.

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1979, Act 149, Eff. Mar. 27, 1980.

408.1003 Meanings of words and phrases.

Sec. 3. The words and phrases defined in sections 4 to 6 have the meanings respectively ascribed to them for the purposes of this act.

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975.

408.1004 Definitions; A to M.

Sec. 4. (1) "Agricultural operations" means the work activity designated in major groups 01 and 02 of the standard industrial classification manual, United States bureau of the budget, 1972 edition. Agricultural operations include any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as an incident to or in conjunction with farming operations including preparation for market delivery to storage or market or to carriers for transportation to market.

(2) "Authorized employee representative" or "representative of employee" means a person designated by a labor organization certified by the national labor relations board or employment relations commission as defined in section 2(c) of Act No. 176 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, being section 423.2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as the bargaining representative for the affected employees. In the absence of certification, it shall be a person designated by the organization having a collective bargaining relationship with the employer and designated as having a collective bargaining relationship with the employer by the affected employees. If a labor organization has not been

certified, or if no organization has a collective bargaining relationship with the employer, "authorized employee representative" or "representative of employee" means a person designated by the affected employees to represent them for the purpose of proceedings under this act.
(3) "Board" means the board of health and safety compliance and appeals created in section 46.
(4) "Construction operations" means the work activity designated in major groups 15, 16, and 17 of the standard industrial classification manual, United States bureau of the budget, 1972 edition.
(5) "Department attorney" means the attorney general or the authorized representative of the attorney general.
(6) "Domestic employment" means that employment involving an employee specifically employed by a householder to engage in work or an activity relating to the operation of a household and its surroundings, whether or not the employee resides in the household.
(7) "Mines", except as provided in subdivision (d), means all of the following:
(a) An area of land from which minerals are extracted in nonliquid form, or if in liquid form, are extracted with workers underground.
(b) Private ways and roads appurtenant to an area of land described in subdivision (a).
(c) Lands, excavations, underground passageways, shafts, slopes, tunnels and workings, structures, facilities, equipment, machines, tools, or other property, including impoundments, retention dams, and tailings ponds, on the surface or underground, used in, or to be used in, or resulting from, the work of extracting minerals from their natural deposits in nonliquid form, or if in liquid form, with workers underground, or used in, or to be used in, the milling of minerals, or the work of preparing coal or other minerals, and includes custom coal preparation facilities.
(d) This subsection does not include industrial borrow pits, or sand, gravel, or crushed and dimension stone quarrying operations, or surface construction operations.
History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1977, Act 300, Eff. Mar. 30, 1978;--Am. 1979, Act 149, Eff. Mar. 27, 1980.

408.1005 Definitions; E to I.
Sec. 5. (1) "Employee" means a person permitted to work by an employer.
(2) "Employer" means an individual or organization, including the state or a political subdivision, which employs 1 or more persons.
(3) "Imminent danger" means a condition or practice in a place of employment which is such that a danger exists which could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm either immediately or before the imminence of the danger can be eliminated through the enforcement procedures otherwise provided. A container of an unknown and unlabeled chemical or a container of hazardous chemicals that is not labeled or for which a material safety data sheet is not available as required by the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a shall be considered an imminent danger after meeting the provisions of section 31.
(4) "Inspection" means the examination or survey of a place of employment to detect the presence of an existing or potential occupational safety or health hazard or to determine compliance with this act, rules or standards promulgated, or orders issued pursuant to this act.
(5) "Investigation" means the detailed evaluation or study of working conditions, including equipment, processes, substances, air contaminants, or physical agents with respect to the actual or potential occurrence of occupational accidents, illnesses, or diseases.
History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1006 Definitions; P to W.
Sec. 6. (1) "Place of employment" means a factory, plant, establishment, construction site or other similar area, workplace, or environment where an employee is permitted to work.
(2) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, township, county, school district, intermediate school district, or state or local government authorized or supported agency, authority, or institution.
(3) "Rule" means a rule as defined by section 7 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being section 24.207 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. A rule may only be promulgated by the director of labor or director of health except as otherwise specifically prescribed in this act.
(4) "Serious violation" means a violation of this act, an order issued pursuant to this act, or a rule or standard promulgated under this act or adopted by reference pursuant to this act for which a substantial probability exists that death or serious physical harm could result from the violation or from a practice, means, method, operation, or process which is in use, unless the employer did not and could not, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, know of the presence of the violation.

(5) “Standard” means a health or safety standard which specifies conditions, or the adoption or use of 1 or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes necessary to provide safe and healthful employment in places of employment. Except as otherwise specifically prescribed in this act, only the:

(a) General industry safety standards commission may promulgate a standard relative to occupational safety.

(b) Construction safety standards commission may promulgate a standard relative to construction safety.

(c) Occupational health standards commission may promulgate a standard relative to occupational health.

(6) “Standards promulgation commission” means the general industry safety standards commission, the construction safety standards commission, or the occupational health standards commission.

(7) “Trade secret” means a confidential process, formula, pattern, device, or compilation of information which is used in the employer's business and which gives him an opportunity to obtain an advantage over competitors who do not know or use it.

(8) “Wilful”, for the purpose of criminal prosecutions, means the intent to do an act knowingly and purposely by an individual who, having a free will and choice, either intentionally disregards a requirement of this act, or a rule or standard promulgated pursuant to this act, or is knowingly and purposely indifferent to a requirement of this act, or a rule or standard promulgated pursuant to this act. An omission or failure to act is wilful if it is done knowingly and purposely. Wilful does not require a showing of moral turpitude, evil purpose, or criminal intent provided the individual is shown to have acted or to have failed to act knowingly and purposely.

(9) “Working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or state legal holiday.

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1977, Act 300, Eff. Mar. 30, 1978;--Am. 1978, Act 455, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 1978.

408.1009 Legislative declaration.

Sec. 9. The safety, health, and general welfare of employees are primary public concerns. The legislature hereby declares that all employees shall be provided safe and healthful work environments free of recognized hazards.

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975.

408.1011 Duties of employer.

Sec. 11. An employer shall:

(a) Furnish to each employee, employment and a place of employment which is free from recognized hazards that are causing, or are likely to cause, death or serious physical harm to the employee.

(b) Comply with this act and with the rules and standards promulgated and the orders issued pursuant to this act.

(c) Post notices and use other appropriate means to keep his or her employees informed of their protections and obligations under this act, including applicable rules and standards.

(d) Provide personal protective equipment at the employer's expense when it is specifically required to be provided at the employer's expense in a rule or a standard promulgated by a standards promulgating commission. When promulgating a rule or a standard concerning personal protective equipment, the standards promulgating commission shall use at least the following criteria in determining who should pay for the equipment:

(i) Whether the equipment is transferable between employees.

(ii) Whether the equipment is maintained by the employer.

(iii) Whether the equipment generally remains at the work site after the work activity has been completed.

(iv) The amount of personal use involved with the equipment.

(v) Any other criteria deemed applicable by the standards promulgating commission.

History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1979, Act 149, Eff. Mar. 27, 1980;--Am. 1980, Act 51, Imd. Eff. Mar. 25, 1980;--Am. 1986, Act 80, Eff. May 25, 1986.

408.1012 Duties of employee.

Sec. 12. An employee shall:

(a) Comply with rules and standards promulgated, and with orders issued pursuant to this act.

(b) Not remove, displace, damage, destroy, or carry off a safeguard furnished or provided for use in a place of employment, or interfere in any way with the use thereof by any other person.
History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975.

408.1013 Administration and enforcement; reports.

Sec. 13. (1) The department of labor shall administer and enforce the provisions of this act relative to occupational safety.
(2) The department of public health shall administer and enforce the provisions of this act relative to occupational health.
(3) The department of labor and department of public health shall report annually by January 31 in writing to the committees on labor and public health of the house of representatives and committees on labor and health, social services and retirement of the senate specifying the provisions of this act where the authority of the departments overlap, and all agreements and administrative procedures to coordinate joint enforcement of the act. Any changes in these agreements or administrative procedures must be reported in writing to the committees on labor and public health of the house of representatives and committees on labor and health, social services and retirement of the senate within 15 days of the changes.
History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1977, Act 233, Imd. Eff. Nov. 30, 1977;--Am. 1978, Act 455, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 1978.

408.1014 Federal standards incorporated by reference; force and effect; conflicts; copies of standard; processing proposed rule substantially similar to federal standard; compliance with administrative procedures act of 1969.

Sec. 14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), the occupational safety and health standards that have been adopted or promulgated by the United States department of labor under the occupational safety and health act of 1970, Public Law 91-596, 84 Stat. 1590, and that are in effect on January 1, 1975 are incorporated by reference and have the same force and effect as a rule promulgated pursuant to this act. A standard that is incorporated by reference pursuant to this subsection remains in effect until either of the following conditions occurs:

(a) A standard is promulgated pursuant to this act that covers the same or a similar subject.
(b) The standard is rescinded by rule promulgated pursuant to this act.

(2) When a rule or standard that is continued pursuant to section 24(3) conflicts with or covers the same or similar subject as a standard incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1), the federal standard incorporated by reference governs and the state rule or standard continued pursuant to section 24(3) shall be rescinded.
(3) When a rule or standard that is continued in effect under this act pursuant to section 21(1) covers the same subject as a federal standard, subsection (1) does not apply.
(4) The department of labor and the department of public health shall determine which of them is responsible for administering and enforcing each of the standards incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1).
(5) The department of labor or the department of public health, whichever is responsible for administering and enforcing a standard incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1), shall make copies of the standard available to the public at cost.
(6) Beginning April 1, 1992, not later than 10 working days after the date that the United States department of labor adopts or promulgates an occupational safety and health standard under the occupational safety and health act of 1970, Public Law 91-596, 84 Stat. 1590, the director of labor or the director of public health, or both, shall initiate the processing of an administrative rule that is substantially similar to the federal occupational safety and health standard. The proposed administrative rule shall be presented to the joint committee on administrative rules unless 1 of the following occurs:

(a) The general industry safety standards commission determines and certifies that the federal standard is clearly inconsistent with the criteria set forth in sections 9 and 16.
(b) The construction safety standards commission determines and certifies that the federal standard is clearly inconsistent with the criteria set forth in sections 9 and 19.
(c) The occupational health standards commission determines and certifies that the federal standard is clearly inconsistent with the criteria set forth in sections 9 and 24.

(7) Beginning April 1, 1992, a proposed administrative rule that would address a matter not addressed by 1 or more federal standards shall not be processed and presented to the joint committee on administrative rules unless the appropriate standards commission determines and certifies that there is a clear and convincing need for the standard to meet the criteria set forth, as appropriate, in sections 9, 16, 19, and 24.
(8) The administrative rules described in subsections (6) and (7) shall be promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
History: 1974, Act 154, Eff. Jan. 1, 1975;--Am. 1991, Act 105, Imd. Eff. Oct. 3, 1991.
Admin Rule: R 325.2401 et seq.; R 325.18301 et seq.; R 325.35001 et seq.; R 325.52501 et seq.; and R 325.70101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

408.1014a Occupational safety and health hazard communication standard; incorporation by reference; applicability of standard; conflicting provisions; administration and enforcement of standards; duties of employers; exception.

Sec. 14a. (1) The occupational safety and health hazard communication standard that has been adopted or promulgated by the United States department of labor and has been codified at 29 C.F.R. 1910.1200 as of the effective date of the amendatory act that adds this section is incorporated by reference and shall have the same force and effect as a rule promulgated pursuant to this act. In addition to the standard incorporated by reference in this subsection, sections 14b to 14 l shall apply to an employer subject to this act. The applicability of the standard incorporated by reference in this subsection and of sections 14b to 14l is subject to subsections (4), (5), (6), and (7).
(2) When a rule or standard that is continued pursuant to section 24(3) is in conflict with or covers the same or similar subject as a standard incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1), the federal standard so incorporated by reference shall govern, and the state rule or standard continued pursuant to section 24(3) is rescinded.
(3) The department of labor shall administer and enforce the provisions of the standard incorporated by reference in subsection (1) relative to occupational safety. The department of public health shall administer and enforce the provisions of the standard incorporated by reference in subsection (1) relative to occupational health. The departments of public health and labor shall administer and enforce the provisions of the standard incorporated by reference in subsection (1) in a manner that is consistent with the administration and enforcement of the standard by the federal occupational safety and health administration.
(4) Beginning November 25, 1985, employers who are chemical manufacturers in a standard industrial classification of 20 through 39 of the standard industrial classification code published by the federal department of management and budget, importers, and distributors shall label containers of hazardous chemicals leaving their workplaces, provide material safety data sheets with initial shipments, and otherwise comply with any applicable provision of the standard incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1) and of sections 14b to 14l. A chemical manufacturer, importer, or distributor subject to this subsection shall provide a material safety data sheet and an appropriately labeled container to each employer in this state, regardless of the employer's standard industrial classification in the standard industrial classification code, who purchases a hazardous chemical.
(5) Beginning May 25, 1986, an employer in a standard industrial classification of 20 through 39 of the standard industrial classification code published by the federal department of management and budget shall comply with the requirements of the standard incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1) and with sections 14b to 14l with respect to the use of hazardous chemicals in the workplace.
(6) Beginning February 25, 1987, an employer who is subject to this act but who is not otherwise specifically described in subsections (4) and (5) shall comply with the requirements of the standard incorporated by reference pursuant to subsection (1) and with sections 14b to 14 l with respect to the use of hazardous chemicals in the workplace. However, instead of complying with any conflicting provision of the standard incorporated by reference in subsection (1), an employer who is described in this subsection is required:

(a) To provide information and training only to employees who are exposed to hazardous chemicals in the normal course of employment or who are likely to be exposed to hazardous chemicals in the event of an emergency.

(b) In the case where a hazardous chemical is mixed or combined with any other chemical or hazardous chemical by the employer, to maintain and provide a material safety data sheet for each constituent hazardous chemical and to maintain a material identification system that identifies to employees the appropriate material safety data sheets.

(7) The standard incorporated by reference in subsection (1), this section, and sections 14b to 14 l shall not be construed to require an employer in a standard industrial classification other than 20 through 39 of the standard industrial classification code published by the federal department of management and budget to evaluate chemicals, to develop labels for containers of hazardous chemicals, or to develop material safety data sheets.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014b Disclosure of specific chemical identity.

Sec. 14b. In nonemergency situations, a chemical manufacturer, importer, or employer claiming a trade secret, upon request, shall disclose a specific chemical identity, otherwise permitted to be withheld under the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a, in addition to a health professional as specified in 29 C.F.R. 1910.1200(i)(3), to an occupational health nurse providing medical or other occupational health services to exposed employees, to an authorized employee representative of an exposed employee, and to an exposed employee, if the occupational health nurse, the representative, and the employee comply with the requirements described in 29 C.F.R. 1910.1200(i)(3) and (4).

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014c Identification of pipes and piping systems in workplace; establishment of pipe and stationary process container entry procedure; applicable provisions.

Sec. 14c. Pipes or piping systems in a workplace that contain a hazardous chemical shall be identified to an employee by a label or by a sign, placard, written operating instructions, process sheet, batch ticket, or a substance identification system that conveys the same information required to be displayed on a label by the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a. The employer shall provide at least 1 label, sign, placard, set of written operating instructions, process sheet, batch ticket, or a substance identification system selected by the employer and readily accessible to each employee at a location in the workplace designated by the employer. The employer shall establish a pipe and stationary process container entry procedure that will assure that the information required by 29 C.F.R. 1910.1200(f) is conveyed to an employee before entry. The requirements of this subsection shall apply in addition to the occupational safety and health hazard communication standard incorporated by reference in section 14a.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014d Trade secret claims; petition; review; confidentiality; determination; final order; revocation of order; hearing; exemption of records and information from disclosure under freedom of information act; providing director with specific chemical identity and percentage composition of hazardous chemical.

Sec. 14d. (1) Upon request of the director of the department of public health, an employer who claims a trade secret under the standard incorporated by reference by section 14a shall support the trade secret claim. Subject to subsection (2), the director shall consider the following factors in determining whether a specific chemical identity may be withheld as a trade secret:

(a) The extent to which the information is known outside the employer's business.

(b) The extent to which it is known by employees and others involved in the employer's business.

(c) The extent of measures taken by the employer to guard the secrecy of the information.

(d) The value of the information to the employer and the employer's competitors.

(e) The amount of effort and money expended by the employer in developing the information.

(f) The ease or difficulty with which the information could be properly acquired or duplicated by others.

(2) The determination made by the director under subsection (1) shall not uphold as a trade secret any chemical identity information that is readily discoverable through reverse engineering.

(3) This section shall not be construed to require the prior approval of trade secret claims by the director of the department of public health or the director of the department of labor.

(4) An exposed employee, a health professional providing medical or other occupational health services to exposed employees, or an authorized employee representative of an exposed employee may petition the director of the department of public health to review a denial of a written request for disclosure of a specific chemical identity. This review shall be conducted as a contested case pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be confidential. The director shall review the assertion of trade secrecy and make a determination in accordance with the principles provided in this section and the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a. In preparing the final order, the director shall consider and require any prudent measures necessary to protect the health of employees or the public in general while maintaining the confidentiality of any trade secrets.
(5) The director of public health may revoke any order entered under subsection (4) upholding a trade secret claim after a hearing involving the parties of interest upon showing that a party has not complied with an order issued pursuant to subsection (4).
(6) Records and information obtained by any department, commission, or public agency related to a review by the director of public health under subsection (4) and to information determined by the director to be a trade secret in that review shall be exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(7) Notwithstanding that information has been claimed as a trade secret pursuant to 29 C.F.R. 1910.1200(i) or has been upheld by the director as a trade secret pursuant to this section, a chemical manufacturer, importer, or employer shall provide the specific chemical identity and percentage composition of a hazardous chemical to the director of public health when the director requests that information in the discharge of the director's duties under this act.
History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014e Public service announcements.

Sec. 14e. In order to educate employers, employees, and the public about the hazards of exposure to hazardous chemicals and the requirements of the occupational safety and health hazard communication standard incorporated by reference in section 14a and the requirements of sections 14b to 14l, the departments of public health and labor shall distribute periodically public service announcements to newspapers and television and radio stations throughout this state.
History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014f Employer engaged in agricultural operations; compliance; certifying list of chemicals.

Sec. 14f. (1) An employer engaged in agricultural operations is not required to comply with the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a or sections 14b to 14 l for a hazardous chemical that is regulated under the federal insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act, chapter 125, 86 Stat. 973, 7 U.S.C. 136 to 136i and 136j to 136y, or part 83 (pesticide control) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.8301 to 324.8336 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and any rules or regulations promulgated under those acts.
(2) The director of the department of agriculture at least annually shall certify to the department of public health a list of chemicals regulated by the acts described in subsection (1).
History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986;--Am. 1996, Act 70, Imd. Eff. Feb. 26, 1996.
Admin Rule: R 285.633.1 et seq. and R 285.636.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

408.1014g Chemical in sealed package in transit by common carrier.

Sec. 14g. An employer is not required to comply with the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a or with sections 14b to 14l with respect to a chemical in a sealed package and in transit by a common carrier if the seal remains intact while in transit.
History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014h Employer engaged in construction operations.

Sec. 14h. An employer engaged in construction operations may satisfy the requirements of the standard incorporated in section 14a and sections 14b to 14 l that a material safety data sheet be maintained for each hazardous chemical in the workplace by maintaining material safety data sheets in 1 or more central locations at a job site.
History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014i Plan for executing responsibilities of organized fire department.

Sec. 14i. The chief of each organized fire department shall prepare and disseminate to each fire fighting employee of the organized fire department a plan for executing the department's responsibilities with respect to each site within the organized fire department's jurisdiction where hazardous chemicals are used or produced.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014j Signs throughout workplace; contents.

Sec. 14j. An employer subject to the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a and to sections 14b to 14l shall post signs throughout the workplace advising employees of all of the following:

(a) The location of the material safety data sheets for the hazardous chemicals produced or used in the workplace and the name of the person from whom to obtain the sheets.

(b) That the employer is prohibited from discharging or discriminating against an employee who exercises the rights regarding information about hazardous chemicals in the workplace afforded by the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a and by sections 14b to 14l.

(c) That, as an alternative to requesting the employer for a material safety data sheet for a hazardous chemical in the workplace, the employee may obtain a copy of the material safety data sheet from the department of public health. The sign shall include the address and telephone number of the division of the department of public health that has the responsibility of responding to such requests.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014k Material safety data sheets for hazardous chemicals in workplace; organization; training employees; notice of new or revised sheets.

Sec. 14k. (1) An employer who is subject to the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a and to sections 14b to 14l shall organize the material safety data sheets for the hazardous chemicals in the workplace in a systematic and consistent manner and shall train employees in locating particular material safety data sheets.

(2) Not later than 5 working days after receipt of a new or a revised material safety data sheet, the employer shall post for a period of 10 working days a notice of the existence of the new or revised sheet and directions for locating the new or revised sheet according to the method used by the employer for organizing material safety data sheets.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014l Failure to provide exposed employee with access to most current material safety data sheet.

Sec. 14l. The failure of an employer who is subject to the standard incorporated by reference in section 14a and to this section and sections 14b to 14k to provide an exposed employee with access to the most current material safety data sheet available to the employer shall not be considered by the department as a violation for which a de minimis notice of violation may be issued under section 33(5). The department may consider such a violation to be a serious violation or a violation not of a serious nature for which a citation may be issued under section 35.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

408.1014m Conflicting provisions unenforceable.

Sec. 14m. The standard incorporated by reference in section 14a and sections 14b to 14 l occupy the entire field of regulation of occupational safety and health with respect to hazardous chemicals in the workplace. Except as specifically provided in this act, any provision of any ordinance, law, rule, regulation, policy, or practice of a city, township, village, county, governmental authority created by statute, or other political subdivision of the state that imposes any requirement on an employer or expands the rights of an employee with respect to the communication of the hazards of hazardous chemicals in the workplace shall be considered in conflict with this act and shall not be enforceable.

History: Add. 1986, Act 80, Imd. Eff. Apr. 7, 1986.

BULLARD-PLAWECKI EMPLOYEE RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Act 397 of 1978

AN ACT to permit employees to review personnel records; to provide criteria for the review; to prescribe the information which may be contained in personnel records; and to provide penalties.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

423.501 Short title; definitions.

Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Bullard-Plawecki employee right to know act".

(2) As used in this act:

(a) "Employee" means a person currently employed or formerly employed by an employer.

(b) "Employer" means an individual, corporation, partnership, labor organization, unincorporated association, the state, or an agency or a political subdivision of the state, or any other legal, business, or commercial entity which has 4 or more employees and includes an agent of the employer.

(c) "Personnel record" means a record kept by the employer that identifies the employee, to the extent that the record is used or has been used, or may affect or be used relative to that employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation, or disciplinary action. A personnel record shall include a record in the possession of a person, corporation, partnership, or other association who has a contractual agreement with the employer to keep or supply a personnel record as provided in this subdivision. A personnel record shall not include:

(i) Employee references supplied to an employer if the identity of the person making the reference would be disclosed.

(ii) Materials relating to the employer's staff planning with respect to more than 1 employee, including salary increases, management bonus plans, promotions, and job assignments.

(iii) Medical reports and records made or obtained by the employer if the records or reports are available to the employee from the doctor or medical facility involved.

(iv) Information of a personal nature about a person other than the employee if disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the other person's privacy.

(v) Information that is kept separately from other records and that relates to an investigation by the employer pursuant to section 9.

(vi) Records limited to grievance investigations which are kept separately and are not used for the purposes provided in this subdivision.

(vii) Records maintained by an educational institution which are directly related to a student and are considered to be education records under section 513(a) of title 5 of the family educational rights and privacy act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g.

(viii) Records kept by an executive, administrative, or professional employee that are kept in the sole possession of the maker of the record, and are not accessible or shared with other persons. However, a record concerning an occurrence or fact about an employee kept pursuant to this subparagraph may be entered into a personnel record if entered not more than 6 months after the date of the occurrence or the date the fact becomes known.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.502 Personnel record information excluded from personnel record; use in judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding.

Sec. 2. Personnel record information which was not included in the personnel record but should have been as required by this act shall not be used by an employer in a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding. However, personnel record information which, in the opinion of the judge in a judicial proceeding or in the opinion of the hearing officer in a quasi-judicial proceeding, was not intentionally excluded in the personnel record, may be used by the employer in the judicial or quasi-

judicial proceeding, if the employee agrees or if the employee has been given a reasonable time to review the information. Material which should have been included in the personnel record shall be used at the request of the employee.
History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.503 Review of personnel record by employee.

Sec. 3. An employer, upon written request which describes the personnel record, shall provide the employee with an opportunity to periodically review at reasonable intervals, generally not more than 2 times in a calendar year or as otherwise provided by law or a collective bargaining agreement, the employee's personnel record if the employer has a personnel record for that employee. The review shall take place at a location reasonably near the employee's place of employment and during normal office hours. If a review during normal office hours would require an employee to take time off from work with that employer, then the employer shall provide some other reasonable time for the review. The employer may allow the review to take place at another time or location that would be more convenient to the employee.
History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.504 Copy of information in personnel record; fee; mailing.

Sec. 4. After the review provided in section 3, an employee may obtain a copy of the information or part of the information contained in the employee's personnel record. An employer may charge a fee for providing a copy of information contained in the personnel record. The fee shall be limited to the actual incremental cost of duplicating the information. If an employee demonstrates that he or she is unable to review his or her personnel record at the employing unit, then the employer, upon that employee's written request, shall mail a copy of the requested record to the employee.
History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.505 Disagreement with information contained in personnel record; agreement to remove or correct information; statement; legal action to have information expunged.

Sec. 5. If there is a disagreement with information contained in a personnel record, removal or correction of that information may be mutually agreed upon by the employer and the employee. If an agreement is not reached, the employee may submit a written statement explaining the employee's position. The statement shall not exceed 5 sheets of 8-1/2-inch by 11-inch paper and shall be included when the information is divulged to a third party and as long as the original information is a part of the file. If either the employer or employee knowingly places in the personnel record information which is false, then the employer or employee, whichever is appropriate, shall have remedy through legal action to have that information expunged.
History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.506 Divulging disciplinary report, letter of reprimand, or other disciplinary action; notice; exceptions.

Sec. 6. (1) An employer or former employer shall not divulge a disciplinary report, letter of reprimand, or other disciplinary action to a third party, to a party who is not a part of the employer's organization, or to a party who is not a part of a labor organization representing the employee, without written notice as provided in this section.

(2) The written notice to the employee shall be by first-class mail to the employee's last known address, and shall be mailed on or before the day the information is divulged from the personnel record.

(3) This section shall not apply if any of the following occur:

(a) The employee has specifically waived written notice as part of a written, signed employment application with another employer.

(b) The disclosure is ordered in a legal action or arbitration to a party in that legal action or arbitration.

(c) Information is requested by a government agency as a result of a claim or complaint by an employee.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.507 Review of personnel record before releasing information; deletion of disciplinary reports, letters of reprimand, or other records; exception.

Sec. 7. An employer shall review a personnel record before releasing information to a third party and, except when the release is ordered in a legal action or arbitration to a party in that legal action or arbitration, delete disciplinary reports, letters of reprimand, or other records of disciplinary action which are more than 4 years old.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.508 Gathering or keeping certain information prohibited; exceptions; information as part of personnel record.

Sec. 8. (1) An employer shall not gather or keep a record of an employee's associations, political activities, publications, or communications of nonemployment activities, except if the information is submitted in writing by or authorized to be kept or gathered, in writing, by the employee to the employer. This prohibition on records shall not apply to the activities that occur on the employer's premises or during the employee's working hours with that employer that interfere with the performance of the employee's duties or duties of other employees.

(2) A record which is kept by the employer as permitted under this section shall be part of the personnel record.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.509 Investigation of criminal activity by employer; separate file of information; notice to employee; destruction or notation of final disposition of file and copies; prohibited use of information.

Sec. 9. (1) If an employer has reasonable cause to believe that an employee is engaged in criminal activity which may result in loss or damage to the employer's property or disruption of the employer's business operation, and the employer is engaged in an investigation, then the employer may keep a separate file of information relating to the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation or after 2 years, whichever comes first, the employee shall be notified that an investigation was or is being conducted of the suspected criminal activity described in this section. Upon completion of the investigation, if disciplinary action is not taken, the investigative file and all copies of the material in it shall be destroyed.

(2) If the employer is a criminal justice agency which is involved in the investigation of an alleged criminal activity or the violation of an agency rule by the employee, the employer shall maintain a separate confidential file of information relating to the investigation. Upon completion of the investigation, if disciplinary action is not taken, the employee shall be notified that an investigation was conducted. If the investigation reveals that the allegations are unfounded, unsubstantiated, or disciplinary action is not taken, the separate file shall contain a notation of the final disposition of the investigation and information in the file shall not be used in any future consideration for promotion, transfer, additional compensation, or disciplinary action.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.510 Right of access to records not diminished.

Sec. 10. This act shall not be construed to diminish a right of access to records as provided in Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or as otherwise provided by law.

History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.511 Violation; action to compel compliance; jurisdiction; contempt; damages.

Sec. 11. If an employer violates this act, an employee may commence an action in the circuit court to compel compliance with this act. The circuit court for the county in which the complainant resides, the circuit court for the county in which the complainant is employed, or the circuit court for the county in which the personnel record is maintained shall have jurisdiction to issue the order. Failure to comply with an order of the court may be punished as contempt. In addition, the court shall award an employee prevailing in an action pursuant to this act the following damages:

(a) For a violation of this act, actual damages plus costs.

(b) For a wilful and knowing violation of this act, $200.00 plus costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and actual damages.
History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

423.512 Effective date.

Sec. 12. This act shall take effect January 1, 1979.
History: 1978, Act 397, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979.

LIBRARIES AND LYCEUMS

R.S. 1846, Ch. 53

Of libraries and lyceums.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53

450.691 Incorporation of library by proprietors; meeting; notice.

Sec. 1. Any 7 or more proprietors of a library may form themselves into a corporation, under such corporate name as they may adopt, for the purpose of enlarging, regulating, and using such library; and for that purpose the district or municipal court of the judicial district or municipality in which the library is located may, on the application of 5 or more of the proprietors, issue a warrant to 1 of them, directing him or her to call a meeting of the proprietors at the time and place expressed in the warrant, for the purpose of forming such corporation, and such meeting shall be called by posting up a notice containing the substance of such warrant, in at least 2 public places in the township where such library is kept, at least 7 days before the time of meeting.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53;--CL 1857, 1782;--CL 1871, 3146;--How. 4407;--CL 1897, 8164;--CL 1915, 10683;--CL 1929, 10176;--CL 1948, 450.691;--Am. 1991, Act 146, Imd. Eff. Nov. 25, 1991.

450.692 Libraries; proprietors; powers; proceedings, certificate; recording.

Sec. 2. Any 7 or more of the proprietors of such library, met in pursuance of such notice, may choose a president, a clerk, a librarian, collector, treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary; and they may also determine upon the mode of calling future meetings of the proprietors; and the proceedings of such first meeting, containing a specification of the corporate name adopted by such proprietors, shall be certified by the clerk of such corporation, and recorded by the county clerk of the county within which the same is formed, who shall be entitled to receive 75 cents for recording the same.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53;--CL 1857, 1783 ;--CL 1871, 3147;--How. 4408;--CL 1897, 8165;--CL 1915, 10684;--CL 1929, 10177;--CL 1948, 450.692.

450.693 Libraries; powers of corporation; governing law.

Sec. 3. When such proprietors shall be organized as a corporation in the manner hereinbefore provided, they shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties of a corporation, according to the provisions of chapter 55, so far as such provisions shall be applicable in such case, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53;--CL 1857, 1784;--CL 1871, 3148;--How. 4409;--CL 1897, 8166;--CL 1915, 10685;--CL 1929, 10178;--CL 1948, 450.693 .
Compiler's Note: For provisions of chapter 55, referred to in this section, see § 450.504 et seq.

450.694 Libraries; collector and treasurer, bond.

Sec. 4. The treasurer and collector shall give bond to such corporation, with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of the president, for the faithful discharge of their duties.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53;--CL 1857, 1785;--CL 1871, 3149;--How. 4410;--CL 1897, 8167;--CL 1915, 10686;--CL 1929, 10179;--CL 1948, 450.694.

450.695 Libraries; shares, assessment and transfer; holding of property.

Sec. 5. The said proprietors may raise such sums of money by assessment on the shares as they shall judge necessary for the purpose of preserving, enlarging and using the library; and the shares may be transferred according to such regulations as they may prescribe, and such corporation may hold (and may acquire by gift, grant, bequest or devise) real and personal estate to any amount not exceeding (25,000 dollars), in addition to the value of their books; (and may hold in trust property granted, bequeathed or devised as may be prescribed by the grantor or testator; and may be the beneficiaries of trusts created for their benefit.)
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53;--CL 1857, 1786;--CL 1871, 3150;--How. 4411;--CL 1897, 8168;--Am. 1899, Act 10, Imd. Eff. Mar. 2, 1899;--CL 1915, 10687;--CL 1929, 10180;--CL 1948, 450.695.

450.696 Libraries; organization; powers.

Sec. 6. Any 15 or more persons, in any township or county within this state, who shall by writing associate for the purpose of mental improvement, and the promotion of education, may form themselves into a corporation by the name of "the lyceum of .....," (the name of the place where the meetings of the corporation are to be holden) by calling their first meeting and being organized in like manner as is provided in this chapter, in the case of library corporations, and every lyceum, upon becoming a corporation as aforesaid, shall have, during the pleasure of the legislature, all the like rights, powers, and privileges, as the proprietors of such libraries, and may hold real and personal estate, not exceeding 6,000 dollars.

History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 53;--CL 1857, 1787;--CL 1871, 3151 ;--How. 4412;--CL 1897, 8169;--CL 1915, 10688;--CL 1929, 10181;--CL 1948, 450.696.

NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT

Act 162 of 1982

AN ACT to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the organization and regulation of certain nonprofit corporations; to prescribe their duties, rights, powers, immunities, and liabilities; to provide for the authorization of foreign nonprofit corporations within this state; to impose certain duties on certain state departments; to prescribe fees; to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER 1

450.2108 Definitions; M to P.

Sec. 108. (1) "Member" means a person having a membership in a corporation in accordance with the provisions of its articles of incorporation or bylaws.

(2) "Nondirector volunteer" means an individual, other than a volunteer director, performing services for a nonprofit corporation who does not receive compensation or any other type of consideration for the services other than reimbursement for expenses actually incurred.

(3) "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation incorporated to carry out any lawful purpose or purposes not involving pecuniary profit or gain for its directors, officers, shareholders, or members.

(4) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other legal entity.

(5) "Predecessor act" means an act or part of an act repealed by this act, or an act or part of an act repealed by an act that this act repeals.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1990, Act 39, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1990;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

CHAPTER 2

450.2209 Articles of incorporation; additional provisions.

Sec. 209. The articles of incorporation may contain any provision consistent with any of the following:

(a) A provision regarding the management of the corporation or creating, defining, limiting, or regulating the powers of the corporation, its directors, officers, members, or shareholders, or a class of shareholders or members.

(b) A provision that is required or permitted under this act to be included in the bylaws of the corporation.

(c) A provision that eliminates the personal liability of a volunteer director or volunteer officer to the corporation, its shareholders, or its members for monetary damages for a breach of the director's or officer's fiduciary duty. The provision does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or officer for any of the following:

(i) A breach of the director's or officer's duty of loyalty to the corporation, its shareholders, or its members.

(ii) Acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

(iii) A violation of section 551(1).

(iv) A transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

(v) An act or omission occurring before the effective date of the provision granting limited liability.

(vi) An act or omission that is grossly negligent.

(d) For a tax exempt corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, a provision that the corporation assumes all liability to any person other than the corporation, its shareholders, or its members for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director occurring on or after January 1, 1988 incurred in the good faith performance of the volunteer director's duties.

(e) A provision that a nonprofit corporation assumes the liability for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director, volunteer officer, or other volunteer occurring on or after the effective date of the provision granting limited liability if all of the following are met:

(i) The volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority.

(ii) The volunteer was acting in good faith.

(iii) The volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

(iv) The volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort.

(v) The volunteer's conduct was not a tort arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle for which tort liability may be imposed as provided in section 3135 of the insurance code of 1956, Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, being section 500.3135 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1990, Act 39, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1990;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993;--Am. 1996, Act 397, Imd. Eff. Oct. 9, 1996.

CHAPTER 5

450.2556 Volunteer's acts or omissions; claim for monetary damages.

Sec. 556. If the corporation's articles of incorporation contain a provision authorized under section 209(e), then a claim for monetary damages for a volunteer director, volunteer officer, or other volunteer's acts or omissions shall not be brought or maintained against a volunteer director, volunteer officer, or other volunteer. The claim shall be brought and maintained against the corporation.

History: Add. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993;--Am. 1996, Act 457, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 1996.

450.2561 Indemnification of director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent in connection with action, suit, or proceeding; conditions; presumption.

Sec. 561. Unless otherwise provided by law or its articles of incorporation or bylaws, a corporation has the power to indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative and whether formal or informal, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, whether for profit or not for profit, against expenses including attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its shareholders or members, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if the person had no reasonable cause to believe that conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not of itself create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its shareholders or members and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

450.2562 Indemnification against expenses of director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent in connection with action or suit by or in right of corporation; conditions; limitations.

Sec. 562. Unless otherwise provided by law or its articles of incorporation or bylaws, a corporation has the power to indemnify a person who was or is a party to or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a

judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise whether for profit or not against expenses, including actual and reasonable attorneys' fees, and amounts paid in settlement incurred by the person in connection with the action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its shareholders or members. However, indemnification shall not be made for a claim, issue, or matter in which the person has been found liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought has determined upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for expenses which the court considers proper.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

450.2563 Indemnification against expenses of director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent successful in defense of action, suit, or proceeding referred to in §§ 450.2561 or 450.2562; authorization; determination; indemnification for portion of expenses.

Sec. 563. (1) Unless otherwise provided by law or its articles of incorporation or bylaws, to the extent that a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of an action, suit, or proceeding referred to in section 561 or 562, or in defense of a claim, issue, or matter in the action, suit, or proceeding, the successful party shall be indemnified against expenses, including actual and reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding and in any action, suit, or proceeding brought to enforce the mandatory indemnification provided in this subsection.

(2) An indemnification under section 561 or 562, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in sections 561 and 562. This determination shall be made in any of the following ways:

(a) By a majority vote of a quorum of the board consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit, or proceeding.

(b) If the quorum described in subdivision (a) is not obtainable, then by a majority vote of a committee of directors who are not parties to the action. The committee shall consist of not less than 2 disinterested directors.

(c) By independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

(d) By the shareholders or members.

(3) If a person is entitled to indemnification under section 561 or 562 for a portion of expenses including attorneys' fees, judgments, penalties, fines, and amounts paid in settlement but not for the total amount thereof, the corporation may indemnify the person for the portion of the expenses, judgments, penalties, fines, or amounts paid in settlement for which the person is entitled to be indemnified.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

450.2564 Advance payment by corporation of expenses incurred in defending action, suit, or proceeding described in §§ 450.2561 or 450.2562; repayment.

Sec. 564. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding described in section 561 or 562 may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent to repay the expenses if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation. The undertaking shall be by unlimited general obligation of the person on whose behalf advances are made but need not be secured.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

450.2565 Indemnification or advancement of expenses not exclusive of other rights; limitation; continuation of indemnification.

Sec. 565. (1) The indemnification or advancement of expenses provided under sections 561 to 564 is not exclusive of other rights to which a person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or a contractual agreement. However, the total amount of expenses advanced or indemnified from all sources combined shall not exceed the amount of actual expenses incurred by the person seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses.

(2) The indemnification provided in sections 561 to 564 and this section continues as to a person who ceases to be a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of the person.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

450.2567 Purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent.

Sec. 567. A corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of another corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by the person in any such capacity or arising out of the person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have power to indemnify the person against such liability under sections 561 to 565.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

450.2569 Scope of "corporation" for purposes of §§ 450.2561 to 450.2567; effect.

Sec. 569. For purposes of sections 561 to 567, "corporation" includes all constituent corporations absorbed in a consolidation or merger and the resulting or surviving corporation or business corporation, so that a person who is or was a director, officer, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of the constituent corporation or is or was serving at the request of the constituent corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, nondirector volunteer, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, business corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise whether for profit or not shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation or business corporation as the person would if the person had served the resulting or surviving corporation or business corporation in the same capacity.

History: 1982, Act 162, Eff. Jan. 1, 1983;--Am. 1987, Act 170, Eff. Jan. 1, 1988;--Am. 1993, Act 129, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1993.

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961

Act 236 of 1961

AN ACT to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of such courts, and of the judges and other officers thereof; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in said courts; pleading, evidence, practice and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in said courts; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963;--Am. 1974, Act 52, Imd. Eff. Mar. 26, 1974;--Am. 1999, Act 239, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER 21

EVIDENCE

600.2136 Library record, book, or paper; copy or reproduction admissible as evidence; fee; false certification; penalty.

Sec. 2136. (1) A copy of a record, book, or paper belonging to or in the custody of a public, college, or university library, or an incorporated library society, if accompanied by a sworn statement by the librarian or other person in charge of the record, book, or paper, that the copy is a true copy of the original in his or her custody, is admissible as evidence in a court or proceeding in like manner and to the same extent as the original would be if produced.

(2) A reproduction of a record, book, paper, or document belonging to or in the custody of a public, college, or university library, or an incorporated library society, in a medium pursuant to the records media act or a reproduction consisting of a printout or other output readable by sight from such a medium, if accompanied by a sworn statement made by the librarian or other person in charge of the record, book, paper, or document, stating that the reproduction is made under his or her supervision or that of a duly authorized representative, and that nothing has been done to alter or change the original, that the reproduction is true to the original in his or her custody, is admissible as evidence in a court or proceeding in like manner as the original would be if produced.

(3) For making and certifying a copy under subsection (1), a fee of 25 cents may be charged. For making and certifying each reproduction under subsection (2), a fee of $1.00 may be charged. If the reproduction is a photocopy, the fee shall not exceed $1.00 and a further charge of 10 cents per folio and 50 cents per sheet for photocopies actually made.

(4) A person who certifies falsely under subsection (1) or (2) is guilty of a felony punishable by the same penalty provided by statute for perjury.

History: 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963;--Am. 1992, Act 192, Imd. Eff. Oct. 5, 1992.

CHAPTER 29

PROVISIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC ACTIONS

600.2917 Liability of library, merchant, agent, or independent contractor for conduct involving person suspected of larceny of goods or library materials, or of violating § 750.356c or § 750.356d; definitions.

Sec. 2917. (1) In a civil action against a library or merchant, an agent of the library or merchant, or an independent contractor providing security for the library or merchant for false imprisonment, unlawful arrest, assault, battery, libel, or slander, if the claim arises out of conduct involving a person suspected of removing or of attempting to remove, without right or permission, goods held for sale in

a store from the store or library materials from a library, or of violating section 356c or 356d of the Michigan penal code, Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.356c and 750.356d of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and if the merchant, library, agent, or independent contractor had probable cause for believing and did believe that the plaintiff had committed or aided or abetted in the larceny of goods held for sale in the store, or of library materials, or in the violation of section 356c or 356d of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, damages for or resulting from mental anguish or punitive, exemplary, or aggravated damages shall not be allowed a plaintiff, unless it is proved that the merchant, library, agent, or independent contractor used unreasonable force, detained the plaintiff an unreasonable length of time, acted with unreasonable disregard of the plaintiff's rights or sensibilities, or acted with intent to injure the plaintiff.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Library" includes a public library; a library of an educational, historical, or eleemosynary institution or organization; a museum; an archive; and a repository of public records or historical records, or both.

(b) "Library material" includes a plate; picture; photograph; engraving; painting; drawing; map; newspaper; book; magazine; pamphlet; broadside; manuscript; document; letter; public record; microfilm; sound recording; audiovisual material; magnetic or other tape; optical storage disc or other recording medium; electronic data processing record; artifact; and other documentary, written, or printed material.

History: 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963;--Am. 1983, Act 223, Imd. Eff. Nov. 28, 1983;--Am. 1988, Act 50, Eff. June 1, 1988;--Am. 1992, Act 192, Imd. Eff. Oct. 5, 1992.

CHAPTER 48

COLLECTION OF PENALTIES, FINES, AND FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES

600.4845 Moneys from fines and penalties; duties of county treasurer.

Sec. 4845. (1) The county treasurer shall credit all fines for the violation of the penal laws to the library fund and all other penalties to the general fund; and he shall account therefor to the board of supervisors annually.

(2) In case of the sale of any real estate upon an execution upon judgment rendered for the breach of any recognizance in any criminal case the county treasurer shall, in case there are no bidders to the full amount of any such judgment or the value of the property advertised, bid off the same. If the same is not redeemed within the time allowed by law for the redemption thereof, the county treasurer shall sell the same for the best price he can obtain therefor, and place the money received in the general fund.

History: 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963.

600.4851 County law library fund; maximum sums credited from library fund; payment upon order of circuit judge or presiding judge; annual report.

Sec. 4851. (1) In each county the county treasurer shall credit semiannually to a fund to be known as the county law library fund, from the library fund, an amount as follows:

(a) In counties having a population of 250,000 or more, but less than 1,000,000 inhabitants, the sum credited shall not exceed:

(i) For 1981, $4,000.00.

(ii) For 1982, $6,250.00.

(iii) For 1983 and each year thereafter, $8,500.00.

(b) In counties having a population of 50,000 or more, but less than 250,000 inhabitants, the sum credited shall not exceed:

(i) For 1981, $3,000.00.

(ii) For 1982, $4,750.00.

(iii) For 1983 and each year thereafter, $6,500.00.

(c) In counties of 35,000 or more, but less than 50,000 inhabitants, the sum credited shall not exceed:

(i) For 1981, $2,000.00.

(ii) For 1982, $3,250.00.

(iii) For 1983 and each year thereafter, $4,500.00.

(d) In counties of 20,000 or more, but less than 35,000 inhabitants, the sum credited shall not exceed:

(i) For 1981, $1,500.00.

(ii) For 1982, $2,500.00.

(iii) For 1983 and each year thereafter, $3,500.00.

(e) In counties of 10,000 or more, but less than 20,000 inhabitants, the sum credited shall not exceed:

(i) For 1981, $1,000.00.

(ii) For 1982, $1,750.00.

(iii) For 1983 and each year thereafter, $2,500.00.

(f) In counties of less than 10,000 inhabitants, the sum credited shall not exceed:

(i) For 1981, $750.00.

(ii) For 1982, $1,375.00.

(iii) For 1983 and each year thereafter, $2,000.00.

(2) All money credited to the county law library fund shall be paid out by the county treasurer only upon the order of the circuit judge in multiple county circuits or upon the order of the presiding judge in single county circuits for the purpose of establishing, operating, and maintaining a law library for the use of the circuit, district, and probate courts in the county and for the officers of the courts and persons having business in the courts.

(3) The county law librarian, or other person as the circuit or presiding judge shall designate, shall make a detailed report before January 2 of each year of the sums expended for books for the county law library. The annual report shall be filed with the county clerk.

History: 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963;--Am. 1982, Act 18, Imd. Eff. Mar. 3, 1982;--Am. 1982, Act 173, Imd. Eff. June 4, 1982.

CHAPTER 83

DISTRICT COURT: JURISDICTION; POWERS

600.8379 Fines and costs assessed in district court; payment; disposition; definitions.

Sec. 8379. (1) Fines and costs assessed in the district court shall be paid to the clerk of the court who shall appropriate them as follows:

(a) A fine imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state and a civil fine ordered in a civil infraction action for violation of a law of this state shall be paid to the county treasurer and applied for library purposes as provided by law.

(b) In districts of the first and second class, costs imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state or ordered in a civil infraction action for the violation of a law of this state shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the action was commenced. In districts of the third class, costs imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state or ordered in a civil infraction action for the violation of a law of this state shall be paid to the treasurer of the political subdivision where the guilty plea or civil infraction admission was entered or where the trial or civil infraction action hearing took place.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (2), in districts of the first and second class, 1/3 of all fines and costs, other than those imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state or ordered in a civil infraction action for the violation of a law of this state, shall be paid to the political subdivision whose law was violated and 2/3 shall be paid to the county in which the political subdivision is located. In districts of the third class, all fines and costs, other than those imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state or ordered in a civil infraction action for the violation of a law of this state, shall be paid to the political subdivision whose law was violated, except that where fines and costs are assessed in a political subdivision other than the political subdivision whose law was violated, 2/3 shall be paid to the political subdivision where the guilty plea or civil infraction admission was entered or where the trial or civil infraction action hearing took place and the balance shall be paid to the political subdivision whose law was violated.

(d) In a district of the third class, if each political subdivision within the district, by resolution of its governing body, agrees to a distribution of fines and costs, other than fines imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state or ordered in a civil infraction action for the violation of a law

of this state, differently than as provided by this section, the distribution of those fines and costs among the political subdivisions of that district shall be as agreed to. An existing agreement applicable to the distribution of fines and costs shall apply with the same effect to the distribution of civil fines and costs ordered in civil infraction actions.

(e) A civil fine imposed upon a person for violation of a provision of a code or an ordinance of a political subdivision of this state regulating the operation of a commercial vehicle that substantially corresponds to a provision of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, shall be paid to the county treasurer and allocated as follows:

(i) Seventy percent to the political subdivision in which the citation is issued.

(ii) Thirty percent for library purposes as provided by law.

(f) A civil fine imposed upon a person for violation of a provision of a code or an ordinance regulating the operation of a commercial vehicle adopted by a city, township, or village pursuant to section 1 of 1956 PA 62, MCL 257.951, shall be paid to the county treasurer and allocated as follows:

(i) Seventy percent to the political subdivision in which the citation is issued.

(ii) Thirty percent for library purposes as provided by law.

(2) In the fifty-second district, 30% of all fines and costs, other than those imposed for the violation of a penal law of this state or ordered in a civil infraction action for the violation of a law of this state, shall be paid to the political subdivision whose law was violated and 70% shall be paid to the county in which the political subdivision is located. This subsection shall apply only if the consolidation of the forty-fifth-b district with the fifty-second district, as provided in section 8123, takes place pursuant to section 8177.

(3) As used in subsection (1)(e) and (f):

(a) “Commercial vehicle” includes a motor vehicle used for the transportation of passengers for hire or constructed or used for transportation of goods, wares, or merchandise and a motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry any load on the vehicle independently or any part of the weight of a vehicle or load so drawn.

(b) “Operation” means being in actual physical control of a vehicle regardless of whether the person is licensed under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, as an operator or chauffeur.

(c) “Person” means every natural person, partnership, association, or corporation and their legal successors.

History: Add. 1968, Act 154, Imd. Eff. June 17, 1968;--Am. 1969, Act 239, Eff. Sept. 1, 1969;--Am. 1978, Act 511, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;--Am. 1979, Act 67, Eff. Aug. 1, 1979;--Am. 1990, Act 54, Imd. Eff. Apr. 11, 1990;--Am. 2000, Act 93, Imd. Eff. May 15, 2000.

Compiler's Note: Section 2 of Act 54 of 1990 states: “If a new judicial circuit of the circuit court is created under this amendatory act pursuant to section 550a, the change in the composition of the affected judicial circuits shall take effect for judicial purposes on January 1, 1991. If the fifty-sixth judicial circuit is created pursuant to this amendatory act, the incumbent judge of the fifth judicial circuit who resides in Eaton county shall become the judge of the fifty-sixth judicial circuit on January 1, 1991, and shall serve until the term for which he or she was elected in the fifth judicial circuit expires.”

DISSEMINATING, EXHIBITING, OR DISPLAYING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATTER TO MINORS

Act 33 of 1978

AN ACT to prohibit the dissemination, exhibiting, or displaying of certain sexually explicit matter to minors; to prohibit certain misrepresentations facilitating the dissemination of sexually explicit matter to minors; to provide penalties; to provide for declaratory judgments and injunctive relief in certain instances; to impose certain duties upon prosecuting attorneys and the circuit court; to preempt local units of government from proscribing certain conduct; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

722.671 Definitions generally.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Display" means to put or set out to view or to make visible.

(b) "Disseminate" means to sell, lend, give, exhibit, show, or allow to examine or to offer or agree to do the same.

(c) "Exhibit" means to do 1 or more of the following:

(i) Present a performance.

(ii) Sell, give, or offer to agree to sell or give a ticket to a performance.

(iii) Admit a minor to premises where a performance is being presented or is about to be presented.

(d) "Minor" means a person less than 18 years of age.

(e) "Restricted area" means any of the following:

(i) An area where sexually explicit matter is displayed only in a manner that prevents public view of the lower 2/3 of the matter's cover or exterior.

(ii) A building, or a distinct and enclosed area or room within a building, if access by minors is prohibited, notice of the prohibition is prominently displayed, and access is monitored to prevent minors from entering.

(iii) An area with at least 75% of its perimeter surrounded by walls or solid, nontransparent dividers that are sufficiently high to prevent a minor in a nonrestricted area from viewing sexually explicit matter within the perimeter if the point of access provides prominent notice that access to minors is prohibited.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978;--Am. 2003, Act 192, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.

722.671a Repealed. 2003, Act 192, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to definitions; "C" to "I."

722.672 Additional definitions.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Nudity" means the lewd display of the human male or female genitals or pubic area.

(b) "Sexual excitement" means the condition of human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.

(c) "Erotic fondling" means touching a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if the person is female, breasts, for the purpose of sexual gratification or stimulation.

(d) "Sadomasochistic abuse" means either of the following:

(i) Flagellation, or torture, for sexual stimulation or gratification, by or upon a person who is nude or clad only in undergarments or in a revealing or bizarre costume.

(ii) The condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained for sexual stimulation or gratification, of a person who is nude or clad only in undergarments or in a revealing or bizarre costume.

(e) “Sexual intercourse” means intercourse, real or simulated, whether genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex or between a human and an animal.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.673 Definitions; S.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:
(a) “Sexually explicit matter” means sexually explicit visual material, sexually explicit verbal material, or sexually explicit performance.
(b) “Sexually explicit performance” means a motion picture, exhibition, show, representation, or other presentation that, in whole or in part, depicts nudity, sexual excitement, erotic fondling, sexual intercourse, or sadomasochistic abuse.
(c) “Sexually explicit verbal material” means a book, pamphlet, magazine, printed matter reproduced in any manner, or sound recording that contains an explicit and detailed verbal description or narrative account of sexual excitement, erotic fondling, sexual intercourse, or sadomasochistic abuse.
(d) “Sexually explicit visual material” means a picture, photograph, drawing, sculpture, motion picture film, or similar visual representation that depicts nudity, sexual excitement, erotic fondling, sexual intercourse, or sadomasochistic abuse, or a book, magazine, or pamphlet that contains such a visual representation. An undeveloped photograph, mold, or similar visual material may be sexually explicit material notwithstanding that processing or other acts may be required to make its sexually explicit content apparent.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978;--Am. 1999, Act 33, Eff. Aug. 1, 1999;--Am. 2003, Act 192, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.
Constitutionality: 1999 PA 33 violates the First Amendment and the Dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from enforcing any provisions of 1999 PA 33. Cyberspace Communications, Inc. v. Engler, 142 F. Supp. 2d 827 (E.D. Mich 2001).

722.674 Additional definitions.

Sec. 4. As used in this act:
(a) “Harmful to minors” means sexually explicit matter which meets all of the following criteria:
(i) Considered as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest of minors as determined by contemporary local community standards.
(ii) It is patently offensive to contemporary local community standards of adults as to what is suitable for minors.
(iii) Considered as a whole, it lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational, and scientific value for minors.
(b) “Local community” means the county in which the matter was disseminated.
(c) “Prurient interest” means a lustful interest in sexual stimulation or gratification. In determining whether sexually explicit matter appeals to the prurient interest, the matter shall be judged with reference to average 17-year-old minors. If it appears from the character of the matter that it is designed to appeal to the prurient interest of a particular group of persons, including, but not limited to, homosexuals or sadomasochists, then the matter shall be judged with reference to average 17-year-old minors within the particular group for which it appears to be designed.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.675 Disseminating sexually explicit matter to minor; felony; penalty.

Sec. 5. (1) A person is guilty of disseminating sexually explicit matter to a minor if that person does either of the following:
(a) Knowingly disseminates to a minor sexually explicit visual or verbal material that is harmful to minors.
(b) Knowingly exhibits to a minor a sexually explicit performance that is harmful to minors.
(2) A person knowingly disseminates sexually explicit matter to a minor if the person knows both the nature of the matter and the status of the minor to whom the matter is disseminated.
(3) A person knows the nature of matter if the person either is aware of its character and content or recklessly disregards circumstances suggesting its character and content.
(4) A person knows the status of a minor if the person either is aware that the person to whom the dissemination is made is under 18 years of age or recklessly disregards a substantial risk that the person to whom the dissemination is made is under 18 years of age.

(5) Disseminating sexually explicit matter to a minor is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or both. In imposing the fine, the court shall consider the scope of the defendant's commercial activity in disseminating sexually explicit matter to minors.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978;--Am. 1999, Act 33, Eff. Aug. 1, 1999;--Am. 2003, Act 192, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.
Constitutionality: 1999 PA 33 violates the First Amendment and the Dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from enforcing any provisions of 1999 PA 33. Cyberspace Communications, Inc. v. Engler, 142 F. Supp. 2d 827 (E.D. Mich 2001).

722.676 Persons excepted from § 722.675.

Sec. 6. Section 5 does not apply to the dissemination of sexually explicit matter to a minor by any of the following:

(a) A parent or guardian who disseminates sexually explicit matter to his or her child or ward.

(b) A teacher or administrator at a public or private elementary or secondary school that complies with the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, and who disseminates sexually explicit matter to a student as part of a school program permitted by law.

(c) A licensed physician or licensed psychologist who disseminates sexually explicit matter in the treatment of a patient.

(d) A librarian employed by a library of a public or private elementary or secondary school that complies with the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or employed by a public library, who disseminates sexually explicit matter in the course of that person's employment.

(e) Any public or private college or university or any other person who disseminates sexually explicit matter for a legitimate medical, scientific, governmental, or judicial purpose.

(f) A person who disseminates sexually explicit matter that is a public document, publication, record, or other material issued by a state, local, or federal official, department, board, commission, agency, or other governmental entity, or an accurate republication of such a public document, publication, record, or other material.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978;--Am. 1999, Act 33, Eff. Aug. 1, 1999;--Am. 2003, Act 192, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.
Constitutionality: 1999 PA 33 violates the First Amendment and the Dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from enforcing any provisions of 1999 PA 33. Cyberspace Communications, Inc. v. Engler, 142 F. Supp. 2d 827 (E.D. Mich 2001).

722.677 Displaying sexually explicit matter to minor; misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 7. (1) A person is guilty of displaying sexually explicit matter to a minor if that person possesses managerial responsibility for a business enterprise selling sexually explicit visual material that visually depicts sexual intercourse or sadomasochistic abuse and is harmful to minors, and that person does either of the following:

(a) Knowingly permits a minor who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian to view that matter.

(b) Displays that matter knowing its nature, unless the person does so in a restricted area.

(2) A person knowingly permits a minor to view visual matter that depicts sexual intercourse or sadomasochistic abuse and is harmful to minors if the person knows both the nature of the matter and the status of the minor permitted to examine the matter.

(3) A person knows the nature of the matter if the person either is aware of its character and content or recklessly disregards circumstances suggesting its character and content.

(4) A person knows the status of a minor if the person either is aware that the person who is permitted to view the matter is under 18 years of age or recklessly disregards a substantial risk that the person who is permitted to view the matter is under 18 years of age.

(5) A person who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978;--Am. 1999, Act 33, Eff. Aug. 1, 1999;--Am. 2003, Act 192, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.
Constitutionality: 1999 PA 33 violates the First Amendment and the Dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. Defendants are permanently restrained and enjoined from enforcing any provisions of 1999 PA 33. Cyberspace Communications, Inc. v. Engler, 142 F. Supp. 2d 827 (E.D. Mich 2001).

722.678 Facilitative misrepresentation; misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 8. (1) A person is guilty of facilitative misrepresentation when that person knowingly makes a false representation that he or she is the parent or guardian of a minor, or that a minor is 18 years of

age or older, with the intent to facilitate the dissemination to the minor of sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.
(2) A person knowingly makes a false representation as to the age of a minor or as to the status of being the parent or guardian of a minor if the person either is aware that the representation is false or recklessly disregards a substantial risk that the representation is false.
(3) Facilitative misrepresentation is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.679 Injunction.

Sec. 9. A prosecuting attorney may commence an action in the circuit court against a person, other than a person described in section 6, to enjoin that person from disseminating to a minor sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.680 Advisory opinion as to legality of disseminating sexually explicit matter to minor; action for declaratory judgment; prosecuting attorney as defendant; counterclaim for injunctive relief; dismissal of action.

Sec. 10. (1) A person intending to disseminate to a minor matter that may be considered sexually explicit may request, from the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the dissemination is intended, an advisory opinion as to the legality of that dissemination. The request for an advisory opinion shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a reasonable and timely opportunity for the prosecuting attorney to examine the matter. Not more than 5 business days after receipt of a proper request, the prosecuting attorney shall issue to the person making the request an advisory opinion, or a refusal to issue an advisory opinion, in writing. The advisory opinion shall state in unequivocal terms whether knowing dissemination of the matter to a minor would be considered by the prosecuting attorney to violate section 5.
(2) A person who has requested an advisory opinion may commence an action for a declaratory judgment in the circuit court in the same county to obtain an adjudication of the legality of the intended dissemination if either of the following conditions exist:
(a) The action is commenced more than 5 business days after submission of a proper request, and the prosecuting attorney has failed to issue an advisory opinion.
(b) The prosecuting attorney has issued an advisory opinion and that opinion fails to state in unequivocal terms that knowing dissemination of the matter to a minor would not be considered by the prosecuting attorney to violate section 5.
(3) The prosecuting attorney shall be made the defendant to an action commenced pursuant to subsection (2). In responding to the complaint, the prosecuting attorney may join a counterclaim for the injunctive relief permitted under section 9.
(4) If the prosecuting attorney, after commencement of the action, issues an advisory opinion stating in unequivocal terms that knowing dissemination of the matter to a minor would not be considered by the prosecuting attorney to violate section 5, the action shall be dismissed.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.681 Provisions applicable to actions commenced pursuant to § 722.679 or § 722.680.

Sec. 11. The following provisions apply in an action commenced pursuant to section 9 or 10:
(a) The prosecuting attorney shall bear the burden of proving, by clear and convincing evidence, that knowing dissemination of the specified matter to a minor would violate section 5.
(b) Upon appropriate motion of the prosecuting attorney or order to show cause, the court may grant a preliminary injunction or ex parte restraining order. A person enjoined under this subdivision is entitled to a trial on the legality of the intended dissemination within 1 day after joinder of issue, and a decision shall be rendered by the court within 2 days after the conclusion of the trial.
(c) The prosecuting attorney shall not be required to file any security before the granting of a preliminary injunction or restraining order, shall not be liable for costs, and shall not be liable for damages sustained by reason of the preliminary injunction or restraining order.
(d) The proceedings are equitable in nature.
History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.682 Effect of §§ 722.679 to 722.681 on prosecutions under other laws; declaratory judgment or denial of injunction as defense; withdrawing opinion and obtaining injunction as conditions for prosecution under § 722.675; applicability of declaratory judgment or injunction.

Sec. 12. (1) Except as provided in this section, sections 9 to 11 shall not preclude or impair prosecution for violation of any law of this state.

(2) If a declaratory judgment has been obtained pursuant to sections 10 and 11, or an application for an injunction pursuant to section 9 has been denied, on the ground that the knowing dissemination to a minor of specified matter does not violate section 5, that determination is a complete defense for a person against a prosecution under section 5 based upon the dissemination of that specified matter and against a prosecution for violation of a preliminary injunction or restraining order granted pursuant to section 11.

(3) If a prosecuting attorney issues an advisory opinion stating in unequivocal terms that knowing dissemination of specified matter to a minor is not considered by the prosecuting attorney to violate section 5, then the recipient of the opinion may be prosecuted under section 5 for the dissemination of that specified matter only after the prosecutor has both withdrawn the opinion and obtained an injunction pursuant to section 9 against the dissemination of that specified material by that person.

(4) A declaratory judgment or injunction shall apply only to the county in which the prosecuting attorney serves.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.683 Repeal of § 750.343e.

Sec. 13. Section 343e of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.343e of the Compiled Laws of 1970, is repealed.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

722.684 Effective date.

Sec. 14. This act shall not take effect until June 1, 1978.

History: 1978, Act 33, Eff. June 1, 1978.

THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE

Act 328 of 1931

AN ACT to revise, consolidate, codify and add to the statutes relating to crimes; to define crimes and prescribe the penalties therefor; to provide for restitution under certain circumstances; to provide for the competency of evidence at the trial of persons accused of crime; to provide immunity from prosecution for certain witnesses appearing at such trials; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--Am. 1991, Act 56, Eff. Jan. 1, 1992.
Constitutionality: Michigan's anti-stalking law is not an unconstitutionally vague threat to freedom of speech, Staley v. Jones, USCOA docket No. 00-1809 (2002).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

CHAPTER LII

LARCENY

750.364 Larceny from libraries.

Sec. 364. Larceny from libraries—Any person who shall procure, or take in any way from any public library or the library of any literary, scientific, historical or library society or association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, any book, pamphlet, map, chart, painting, picture, photograph, periodical, newspaper, magazine, manuscript or exhibit or any part thereof, with intent to convert the same to his own use, or with intent to defraud the owner thereof, or who having procured or taken any such book, pamphlet, map, chart, painting, picture, photograph, periodical, newspaper, magazine, manuscript or exhibit or any part thereof, shall thereafter convert the same to his own use or fraudulently deprive the owner thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 750.364.
Former Law: See section 2 of Act 3 of 1881, being How., § 9211; CL 1897, § 11641; CL 1915, § 15407; CL 1929, § 17020; and Act 58 of 1911.

CHAPTER LVI

MALICIOUS AND WILFUL MISCHIEF AND DESTRUCTION

750.391 Maliciously injuring or mutilating library books.

Sec. 391. Maliciously injuring or mutilating library books—Any person who shall wilfully, maliciously or wantonly tear, deface or mutilate or write upon, or by other means injure or mar any book, pamphlet, map, chart, painting, picture, photograph, periodical, newspaper, magazine, manuscript or exhibit or any part thereof belonging to or loaned to any public library, or to the library of any literary, scientific, historical or library society or association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 750.391.
Former Law: See section 1 of Act 3 of 1881, being How., § 9210; CL 1897, § 11640; CL 1915, § 15406; CL 1929, § 17019; and Act 58 of 1911.

CHAPTER LXXI

PUBLIC RECORDS

750.491 Public records; removal, mutilation or destruction; penalty.

Sec. 491. All official books, papers or records created by or received in any office or agency of the state of Michigan or its political subdivisions, are declared to be public property, belonging to the people of the state of Michigan. All books, papers or records shall be disposed of only as provided in section 13c of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of the First Extra Session of 1948, as added, being

section 18.13c of the Compiled Laws of 1948, section 5 of Act No. 271 of the Public Acts of 1913, as amended, being section 399.5 of the Compiled Laws of 1948 and sections 2137 and 2138 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being sections 600.2137 and 600.2138 of the Compiled Laws of 1948. Any person who shall wilfully carry away, mutilate or destroy any of such books, papers, records or any part of the same, and any person who shall retain and continue to hold the possession of any books, papers or records, or parts thereof, belonging to the aforesaid offices and shall refuse to deliver up such books, papers, records, or parts thereof to the proper officer having charge of the office to which such books, papers, or records belong, upon demand being made by such officer or, in cases of a defunct office, the Michigan historical commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not more than 2 years or by a fine of not more than $1,000.00.

History: 1931, Act 328, Eff. Sept. 18, 1931;--CL 1948, 750.491;--Am. 1952, Act 119, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;--Am. 1964, Act 147, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964.

Former Law: See section 1 of Act 6 of 1851, being CL 1857, § 5906; CL 1871, § 7751; How., § 9347; CL 1897, § 11361; CL 1915, § 15079; CL 1929, § 17018; and Act 208 of 1875.

OBSCENE MATERIAL

Act 343 of 1984

AN ACT to define and prohibit the possession or dissemination of obscene material under certain circumstances; to prohibit conduct related thereto; to provide penalties; to prohibit local units of government from enacting or enforcing any law, ordinance, or rule pertaining to matters under this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

752.361 Meanings of words and phrases.

Sec. 1. For the purposes of this act, the words and phrases in sections 2 to 4 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

752.362 Definitions; C to O.

Sec. 2. (1) "Contemporary community standards" means the customary limits of candor and decency in this state at or near the time of the alleged violation of this act.

(2) "Disseminate" means to manufacture, sell, lend, rent, publish, exhibit, or lease to the public for commercial gain or to offer or agree to manufacture, sell, lend, rent, publish, exhibit, or lease to the public for commercial gain.

(3) "Knowledge of content and character" means having general knowledge of the nature and character of the material involved. Knowledge of content and character may be proven by direct evidence or by circumstantial evidence, or both.

(4) "Material" means anything tangible that is capable of being used or adapted to arouse prurient interest, whether through the medium of reading, observation, sound, or in any other manner, including but not limited to, anything printed or written, any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, picture, drawing, pictorial representation, motion picture, photograph, video tape, video disk, film, transparency, slide, audiotape, audiodisk, computer tape, or any other medium used to electronically produce or reproduce images on a screen, or any mechanical, chemical, or electronic reproduction. Material includes undeveloped photographs, molds, printing plates, and other latent representational objects whether or not processing or other acts are required to make the content of the material apparent.

(5) "Obscene" means any material that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The average individual, applying contemporary community standards, would find the material, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest.

(b) The reasonable person would find the material, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

(c) The material depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985;--Am. 1992, Act 216, Eff. Mar. 31, 1993.

752.363 Definitions; P.

Sec. 3. (1) "Person" means an individual, or a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, or an agent or servant of an individual or legal entity.

(2) "Prurient interest" means a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

752.364 "Sexual conduct" defined.

Sec. 4. (1) "Sexual conduct" means 1 or more of the following:

(a) Representations or descriptions of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated.

(b) Representations or descriptions of masturbation, excretory functions, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals.

(2) "Simulated" means the explicit depiction or description of any of the types of conduct set forth in the definition of sexual conduct under subsection (1), which creates the appearance of such conduct.

(3) "Ultimate sexual acts" means sexual intercourse, fellatio, cunnilingus, anal intercourse, or any other intrusion, however slight, of any part of a person's body or of any object into the genital or anal openings of another person's body, or depictions or descriptions of sexual bestiality, sadomasochism, masturbation, or excretory functions.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

752.365 Obscenity; elements; misdemeanor; penalty; second or subsequent offense as a felony.

Sec. 5. (1) A person is guilty of obscenity when, knowing the content and character of the material, the person disseminates, or possesses with intent to disseminate, any obscene material.

(2) Obscenity is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than $100,000.00, or both.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for not more than 2 years, and shall be fined not less than $50,000.00 or more than $5,000,000.00. For purposes of this section, an offense is considered a second or subsequent offense if the defendant has previously been convicted under this section or under any similar statute of the United States or of any state.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985;--Am. 1992, Act 216, Eff. Mar. 31, 1993.

752.366 Repealed. 1992, Act 216, Eff. Mar. 31, 1993.

Compiler's Note: The repealed section pertained to obscenity in the second degree.

752.367 Applicability of § 752.365.

Sec. 7. Section 5 does not apply to the dissemination of obscene material by any of the following:

(a) An individual who disseminates obscene material in the course of his or her duties as an employee of, or as a member of the board of directors of, any of the following:

(i) A public or private college, university, or vocational school.

(ii) A library established by this state or a library established by a county, city, township, village, or other local unit of government or authority or combination of local units of government and authorities or a library established by a community college district.

(iii) A public or private not for profit art museum that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

(b) An individual who disseminates obscene material in the course of the individual's employment and does not have discretion with regard to that dissemination or is not involved in the management of the employer.

(c) Any portion of a business regulated by the federal communications commission.

(d) A cable television operator that is subject to the communications act of 1934, chapter 652, 48 Stat. 1064.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985;--Am. 1992, Act 216, Eff. Mar. 31, 1993.

752.368 Prohibited conduct; violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 8. (1) A person shall not:

(a) As a condition to a sale, allocation, consignment, or delivery for the resale of any paper, magazine, periodical, book, publication, or other merchandise, require or demand that the purchaser or consignee receive for resale or further commercial distribution any obscene material.

(b) Deny, revoke, or threaten to deny or revoke a franchise, or impose or threaten to impose any penalty, financial or otherwise, because of the failure or refusal to accept obscene material or material reasonably believed by the purchaser or consignee to be obscene.

(2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than $500.00, or both.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

752.369 Action by prosecuting attorney or attorney general.

Sec. 9. A prosecuting attorney or the attorney general may commence and prosecute an action under this act.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

752.370 Prohibited law, ordinance, or rules; exceptions.

Sec. 10. (1) A municipality, township, village, city, or an instrumentality thereof shall not enact or enforce any law, ordinance, or rule which regulates, or intends to regulate, any matter covered by this act.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a zoning law, zoning ordinance, or zoning rule.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

752.371- 752.373 Repealed. 1992, Act 216, Eff. Mar. 31, 1993.

Compiler's Note: The repealed sections pertained to obtaining and using an advisory opinion and declaratory judgment and establishing a burden of proof.

752.374 Repeal of §§ 750.343a to 750.343d, 750.344, 750.345, 750.345a, and 750.346.

Sec. 14. Sections 343a to 343d, 344, 345, 345a, and 346 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.343a to 750.343d, 750.344, 750.345, 750.345a, and 750.346 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are repealed.

History: 1984, Act 343, Eff. Mar. 29, 1985.

DISTURBANCE OF A RELIGEOUS MEETING

R.S. 1846, Ch. 158

Of offense against chasity, morality, and decency.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 158.

752.525 Religious meeting, disturbance, carrying on certain business within two miles, obstruction of highway; prohibited acts.

Sec. 25. No person shall wilfully disturb, interrupt, or disquiet any assembly of people met for religious worship, by profane discourse, by rude and indecent behavior, or by making a noise either within the place of worship, or so near it as to disturb the order and solemnity of the meeting; nor shall any person within 2 miles of the place where any religious society shall be actually assembled for religious worship, expose to sale or gift, any ardent or distilled liquors, wine, beer, cider, fruit, or any other article of food or merchandize, or keep open any huxter shop in any other place, inn, stand or grocery, than such as shall be, or have been duly licensed, or in which such person shall have usually carried on such business; nor shall any person within the distance aforesaid, exhibit any shows, or plays, unless the same shall have been duly licensed by the proper authority; nor shall any person within the distance aforesaid, promote, aid, or be engaged in any racing of any animals, or in any gaming of any description; nor shall any person obstruct the free passage of any highway to any place of public worship, within the distance aforesaid.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 158;--CL 1857, 5880;--CL 1871, 7714;--How. 9300;--CL 1897, 11713;--CL 1915, 15488;--CL 1929, 16839;--CL 1948, 752.525.

752.526 Violation of § 752.525; fine.

Sec. 26. Whoever shall violate either of the provisions of the foregoing section, may be convicted before the district or municipal court of the judicial district or municipality where the offense was committed, and on such conviction shall be fined a sum not exceeding $25.00, for the benefit of the township libraries.
History: R.S. 1846, Ch. 158;--CL 1857, 5881;--CL 1871, 7715;--How. 9301;--CL 1897, 11714;--CL 1915, 15489;--CL 1929, 16840 ;--CL 1948, 752.526;--Am. 1991, Act 145, Imd. Eff. Nov. 25, 1991.

UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF RECORDED SOUND

Act 274 of 1975

AN ACT to prohibit the unauthorized transfer of recorded sound and the sale, transfer, advertising, or possession for sale or transfer, of products resulting therefrom; and to provide penalties and remedies.
History: 1975, Act 274, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

752.781 "Owner" defined.
Sec. 1. As used in this act, "owner" means the person who owns the original fixation of sounds embodied in the master phonograph record, master disc, master tape, master film, or other article used for reproducing sound on phonograph records, discs, tapes, films, or other articles upon which sound is recorded, and from which the transferred recorded sound is directly or indirectly derived.
History: 1975, Act 274, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976.

752.782 Transfer of recorded sound for sale or sales promotion without consent of owner; penalty.
Sec. 2. (1) A person, without the consent of the owner, shall not transfer or cause to be transferred sound recorded on a phonograph record, disc, wire, tape, film, or other article on which sound is recorded, with the intent to sell or cause to be sold for profit or used to promote the sale of a product, the article on which the sound is so transferred.
(2) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both.
History: 1975, Act 274, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976.

752.783 Advertising or sale of recorded sound without consent of owner.
Sec. 3. (1) A person, knowing or having reasonable grounds to know that the sound thereon has been transferred without the consent of the owner, shall not advertise, sell, resell, offer for sale or resale, or possess for the purpose of sale or resale, an article that has been produced in violation of section 2.
(2) A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $100.00 for each offense.
History: 1975, Act 274, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976.

752.784 Recordings to which §§ 752.782 and 752.783 applicable.
Sec. 4. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall apply only to those recordings originally fixed before February 15, 1972, which were not protected by 17 U.S.C. section 1(f).
History: 1975, Act 274, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976.

752.785 Persons to whom act inapplicable.
Sec. 5. This act does not apply to a person who transfers or causes to be transferred sound:
(a) Intended for or in connection with radio or television broadcast transmission or related uses.
(b) For archival, library, or educational purposes.
(c) Solely for the personal use of the person transferring or causing the transfer and without any compensation being derived by the person from the transfer.
History: 1975, Act 274, Eff. Mar. 31, 1976.

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