

MICHIGAN CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE OF 1980 (EXCERPT)
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32.1029 General or special court-martial; members not to be absent or excused after arraignment; exceptions; reduction of membership below specified number; procedure.

Sec. 29. (1) A member of a general or special courts-martial shall not be absent or excused after the accused has been arraigned except for physical disability or as a result of a challenge or by order of the convening authority for good cause.

(2) If a general court-martial is reduced below 5 members, the trial may not proceed unless the convening authority appoints new members sufficient in number to provide not less than 5 members. When the new members have been sworn, the trial may proceed after the recorded testimony of each witness previously examined has been read to the court-martial in the presence of the military judge, the accused, and counsel.

(3) If a special court-martial is reduced below 3 members, the trial may not proceed unless the convening authority appoints new members sufficient in number to provide not less than 3 members. When the new members have been sworn, the trial shall proceed as if no evidence had previously been introduced, unless a verbatim record of the testimony of previously examined witnesses or a stipulation of that testimony is read to the court-martial in the presence of the accused and counsel.

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