



**House
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VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS

House Bill 4909
Sponsor: Rep. Richard Bandstra

House Bill 4910
Sponsor: Rep. Bill Martin

House Bill 4911
Sponsor: Rep. Tracey Yokich

House Bill 4912
Sponsor: Rep. Candace Curtis

House Bill 4913
Sponsor: Rep. Frank M. Fitzgerald

Committee: Judiciary

Complete to 8-13-93

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4909-4913 AS INTRODUCED 7-1-93

House Bill 4910 would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure (MCL 761.1 and 761.37a) to provide for initial criminal arraignments and the setting of bail by two-way closed circuit television between the court and the place where the accused was imprisoned. The accused, his or her attorney, the judge, and the prosecutor would have to be able to see, hear, and communicate with each other simultaneously. Except as otherwise provided by law, the public would have to have access to the courtroom and be able to view and hear the proceedings. The court would have to maintain an original audio-visual recording of the entire proceeding; the recording would be a part of the court record.

House Bills 4909 and 4911-13 would amend various acts to replace language requiring that the accused be brought before a court with language requiring instead that the person be arraigned. House Bill 4909 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.727 and 257.728); House Bill 4911 would amend the Marine Safety Act (MCL 281.1162 et al.); House Bill 4912 would amend the Michigan Uniform Municipal Court Act (MCL 730.527), and House Bill 4913 would amend the conservation law, Public Act 192 of 1929 (MCL 300.16).

None of the bills could take effect unless all were enacted.

HOUSE BILLS 4909-4913 (8-13-93)