SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5028

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961,"

(MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding chapter 19A.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 CHAPTER 19A

- 2 ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO COURTS
- 3 SEC. 1985. AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER:
- 4 (A) "AUTHORIZED COURT" MEANS A COURT ACCEPTED BY THE STATE
- 5 COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE UNDER SECTION 1991 FOR ACCESS TO THE
- 6 ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM.
- 7 (B) "AUTOMATED PAYMENT" MEANS AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHOD
- 8 AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT THE
- 9 DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
- 10 PAYMENTS MADE WITH CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS.
- 11 (C) "CIVIL ACTION" MEANS AN ACTION THAT IS NOT A CRIMINAL

- 1 CASE, A CIVIL INFRACTION ACTION, A PROCEEDING COMMENCED IN THE
- 2 PROBATE COURT UNDER SECTION 3982 OF THE ESTATES AND PROTECTED
- 3 INDIVIDUALS CODE, 1988 PA 386, MCL 700.3982, OR A PROCEEDING
- 4 INVOLVING A JUVENILE UNDER CHAPTER XIIA OF THE PROBATE CODE OF
- 5 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1 TO 712A.32.
- 6 (D) "CLERK" MEANS THE CLERK OF THE COURT REFERENCED IN THE
- 7 RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND INCLUDES THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME
- 8 COURT, CHIEF CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, COUNTY CLERK, PROBATE
- 9 REGISTER, DISTRICT COURT CLERK, OR CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS
- 10 WHERE THE CIVIL ACTION IS COMMENCED, AS APPLICABLE.
- 11 (E) "COURT FUNDING UNIT" MEANS 1 OF THE FOLLOWING, AS
- 12 APPLICABLE:
- (i) FOR CIRCUIT OR PROBATE COURT, THE COUNTY.
- 14 (ii) FOR DISTRICT COURT, THE DISTRICT FUNDING UNIT AS THAT
- 15 TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 8104.
- 16 (iii) FOR THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS, OR COURT OF
- 17 CLAIMS, THE STATE.
- 18 (F) "ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM AUTHORIZED AFTER
- 19 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS CHAPTER BY
- 20 THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS USING A
- 21 PORTAL CONTRACTED FOR BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR
- 22 THE FILING OF DOCUMENTS IN THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS,
- 23 CIRCUIT COURT, PROBATE COURT, DISTRICT COURT, AND COURT OF CLAIMS.
- 24 (G) "ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE" MEANS THE FEE DESCRIBED IN
- 25 SECTION 1986.
- 26 (H) "PARTY" MEANS THE PERSON OR ENTITY COMMENCING A CIVIL
- 27 ACTION.

- 1 (I) "QUALIFIED VENDOR" MEANS A PRIVATE VENDOR SELECTED BY THE
- 2 STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BY A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS
- 3 TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 1991(3).
- 4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January
- **5** 1, 2016.
- 6 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 7 unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are
- 8 enacted into law:
- 9 (a) Senate Bill No. 531.
- 10 (b) Senate Bill No. 532.
- 11 (c) Senate Bill No. 533.
- 12 (d) House Bill No. 5029.
- (e) House Bill No. 5030.