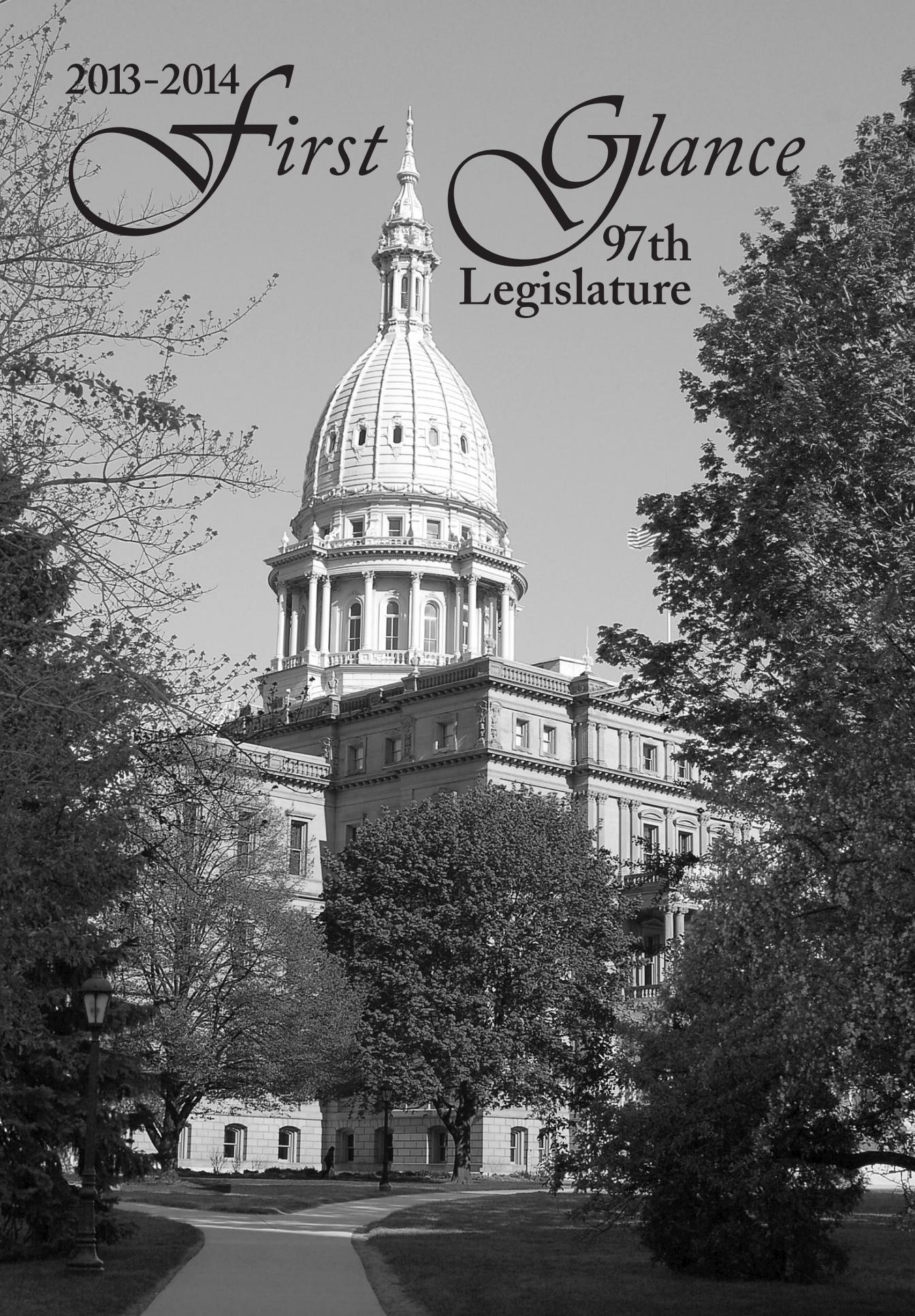


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Dear Citizen:

It is of primary importance that the general public increase its participation in the decision-making process. In order to actuate this input, the citizen must acquire an understanding of the legislative structure and process and then organize concerted efforts to effectively demand representation.

Individuals can have an impact on specific legislative proposals, provided it is made at the appropriate time. Organized community and citizens' groups can multiply the impact of that individual effort.

Organizing citizens' groups to deal with specific community problems is extremely important. Such groups provide a focal point from which citizens can participate in the decision-making process and influence legislation.

The intent of *A Citizen's Guide to State Government—First Glance* is to provide basic information about your newly elected government officials. This booklet also includes an updated listing of State agencies and other very helpful information. A more detailed version of this booklet will be printed as more information becomes available.

**A  
CITIZEN'S GUIDE  
TO  
STATE GOVERNMENT**

*— FIRST GLANCE —*

**2013-2014 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE**

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## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

*“An informed and active citizenry is the lifeblood of a democracy.”*

It is important in a democracy that citizens help keep their legislators informed. In order to be true representatives of the people, legislators need to know the thinking of their constituents on those issues upon which decisions will be made, and the facts on which such thinking and conclusions are based. As a citizen, *you* can help insure good legislation on state and national levels by communicating with your elected representatives at the proper time.

Too many people never have any contact with those who represent them in government—whose vote may decide what price they will pay for the acts of government, sometimes in terms of dollars, or in changes in standards of living, or in regulatory inconveniences.

### **Is There a Bill or an Issue of Particular Concern to You? Organize!**

Forming a group to lobby for or against legislation is often more effective than individual efforts. A group is far more visible, has greater resources, and carries more political weight.

Organize a group of friends, co-workers, or neighbors around a specific issue of concern to all of you. Define your goals . . . identify tasks that are part of the plan . . . divide the work. (For instance, one person can research available material, another can keep track of the bill, several can attend all committee meetings, several can personally meet with the legislator, etc.) . . . KEEP INFORMED.

It is best for the group to meet informally or socially with legislators even before the group has specific legislative requests to make. Professional lobbyists specifically suggest this kind of personalized, informal contact. Friendly, personal acquaintance, and help at campaign time, form a strong basis for personal, or group, lobbying efforts.

Learn how the system works . . . find out how a bill becomes a law . . . learn the committee structure . . . find out which legislators are dealing with your area of concern . . . find out when and how to lobby. ALL THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE FOUND IN THIS GUIDE.

If you are interested in becoming actively involved in influencing legislation, here are some important points that will make your lobbying efforts more effective:

### **Personal Contacts**

Personal contacts can be a meaningful way to influence a legislator.

1. Before contacting any legislators, take the time to read all available background material on the bill or issue which concerns you. Although it is obviously beneficial for you to know a great deal about the specifics of bills and issues, it is not essential that you know everything. The primary goal of your visit is to express your concern over a particular bill or issue.
2. Know when and where to contact a legislator. The best times to find a legislator in the office in Lansing are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. (House sessions are normally held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:00 noon, while Senate sessions normally begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.)

It is usually possible, when the House and Senate are in session, to send in a message to legislators informing them that you wish to speak with them. Check from the visitors balconies on the third floor (using the seating charts in this book) to see if the legislator you wish to meet with is in the chamber. The sergeant-at-arms on the second floor in front of each chamber will send your message to the Representative or Senator. It is generally, but *not always*, possible for a legislator to come out to meet briefly with you.

Occasionally, legislators will be able to see you if you simply walk into their office, but the best approach is to call ahead and make an appointment. Let the legislator know what you wish to discuss. If you cannot get an appointment, or if the matter is too urgent to wait for an appointment, do not hesitate to go to the office anyway. You may at least be able to talk to staff, and you will have made them aware of your concern.

3. If you have genuine expert knowledge, share it with the legislator. It will be welcomed. No legislator can be an expert on everything. (All views are important, but expertise is especially valued. Remember, any lobbyist's most useful role for a legislator is as a source of information.) If you have read the bill carefully and/or

understand the issues involved as a result of personal knowledge or research, you may be of great assistance to the legislator.

4. Be constructive. If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, explain what you believe is the right approach. If you want to suggest amendments to a bill that has been introduced, it is important that you have: a) a clear idea of what you want to be included or deleted; b) the reasons to justify the proposed change; and c) good, strong facts to back up your position before you contact your legislator. If possible, leave copies of your position and/or suggested changes with the legislator.
5. It is usually a waste of time (for both of you) to lobby legislators who are already supporting your position, although they may be helpful in making suggestions for your lobbying efforts.
6. You do not need a crowd to lobby. One, or possibly two, well-informed lobbyists on the same subject are more effective and less confusing than a large group gathered at the same time.
7. When you introduce yourself, save time by making it clear who you are and what organization, if any, you are working with. If you are cooperating with some group from the legislator's home district, mention it and the fact that the home district group may also be trying to reach the legislator.
8. Do not "overkill." Most legislators have many demands on their time. An elaborate sales job or long, emotional speech will not be appreciated. They do, however, want your well-prepared facts and views, presented in a straightforward manner. Make sure their time is well spent in talking to you. Stick to the issues that you came to discuss; don't wander into other issues.
9. It is easy, particularly when dealing with legislators who disagree with you, to become angry and frustrated. If you disagree, a calm, reasonable attitude and a set of well-prepared reasons for your position may change their minds on the issue. It is generally advisable not to get into arguments which may trigger prejudices. Remember, you may not have all the facts on an issue or bill.

Let legislators explain their views—listen without interrupting—they often have input from many resources to which you may not have access, such as fiscal agencies, state departments, other groups with expertise on the issue, and legislation from other states.

Take a few notes about their comments, noting any questions they have. Give the answers you know, and offer to get answers to the other questions, if possible. Understanding their views of the facts and where they come from will help your organization develop counterarguments.

10. Don't demand a commitment before the facts are in. Give your legislator a fair chance to examine all sides of an issue.

The legislative process is very complex, and bills change their shape in committee and on the floor of both houses of the Legislature. A bill rarely becomes law in the same form as introduced. It is possible that the bill you supported originally is so changed in the process that you would oppose its final form.

A legislator may be forced to vote on the bill as a whole, weighing the good with the bad and the needs of all constituents and/or the state as a whole, rather than those of a particular group or individual.

## Letter Writing and E-Mail

A personal letter or message via e-mail or the Internet may be the most effective way of contacting your legislator, whether in Lansing or Washington. Consult the Congressional (p. 4), House (p. 18), and Senate (p. 39) directories in this guide to find the addresses of Michigan legislators. Many offices prefer e-mail.

If you're new at this type of letter writing, here are some suggestions on how your letters can be most effective:

1. **ADDRESS IT PROPERLY:** Know your legislator's full name and correct spelling. For specific addresses, see individual lists. Examples:

U.S. SENATOR  
The Honorable (full name)  
United States Senator  
Address

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Dear Senator (last name):

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
The Honorable (full name)  
United States Representative  
Address

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Dear Congressman/woman (last name):

STATE SENATOR  
The Honorable (full name)  
State Senator  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

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Dear Senator (last name):

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
The Honorable (full name)  
State Representative  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

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Dear Representative (last name):

2. ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR LAST NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE LETTER OR E-MAIL. A letter cannot be answered if there is no return address and this shows you are a constituent.
3. USE YOUR OWN WORDS. Avoid form letters and petitions. They tend to be identified as organized pressure campaigns and are often answered with form replies. However, a petition *does* let the legislator know that the issue is of concern to a large number of people (addresses with zip codes should be given for each signature). One thoughtful, factual, and well-reasoned letter carries more weight than 100 form letters or printed postcards.
4. TIME THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR LETTER OR E-MAIL. Try to write to your legislator, and the chairperson of the committee dealing with a bill, while a bill is still in committee and there is still time to take effective action. Sometimes a bill is out of committee, or has been passed, before a helpful, informative letter arrives which *could* have made a difference in the way the bill was written or in the final decision.
5. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WRITING ABOUT. Identify the bill or issue of concern to you. Thousands of bills and resolutions are introduced in each session. If you write about a bill, try to give the bill number or describe it by popular title, such as “the Whistleblower’s Act,” or “the School Code.”
6. BE REASONABLY BRIEF. Many issues are complex, but a single page, presenting your opinions, facts, arguments, or proposals as clearly as possible, is preferred and welcomed by most legislators.
7. GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR POSITION. Explain how the issue would affect you, your family, business, or profession—or the effect on your community or our state. If you have specialized knowledge, SHARE IT WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR. Concrete, expert arguments for or against the bill can be used by the legislator in determining the final outcome of a bill.
8. BE CONSTRUCTIVE. If a bill deals with a problem you admit exists, but you believe the bill is the wrong approach, explain what you believe to be the right approach.
9. GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS SHOULD DETERMINE THEIR PRIORITY CONCERNS and contact the legislator on those *specific* issues rather than on *every* issue. The “pen pal” who writes every few days on every conceivable subject tends to become a nuisance, rather than an effective voice of concern.
10. YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS RECEIVE A LONG, DETAILED RESPONSE. Legislators are very busy and usually cannot respond with long, personal replies to each correspondent.
11. WRITE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION when you feel a legislator has done a good job. Legislators are human too and seldom receive “thank you” letters of encouragement.

Remember, on any one issue, even a few letters or e-mails to one legislator can have an important impact. Sometimes just one letter or e-mail, with a new perspective, or with clear-cut, persuasive arguments can be the decisive factor in a legislator’s action.

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If you decide you want to be further involved in the future of a particular bill, KEEP TRACK OF THE BILL. Consider testifying on it before a committee. There may also be a public hearing on it in your area.

# INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS REPRESENTING YOU IN WASHINGTON, DC

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

(4-year term) Term Ends: 1-20-2017  
**BARACK OBAMA (D-Illinois)**  
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20500

**VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

(4-year term) Term Ends: 1-20-2017  
**JOE BIDEN (D-Delaware)**  
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 TTY/TDD Comments (202) 456-6213 • TTY/TDD Visitors Office (202) 456-2121 • [comments@whitehouse.gov](mailto:comments@whitehouse.gov)

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(2-year term, all expire on 1-1-15)  
 (5 Democrats and 9 Republicans)



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|   | Fax (989) 448-8858 |
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|   | Fax (906) 828-1583 |
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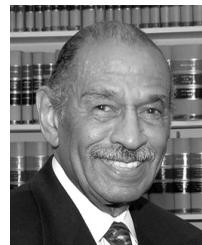
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|    |  | Fax (734) 675-4218 |



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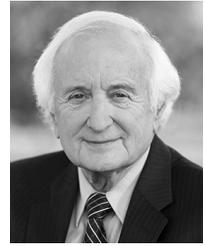
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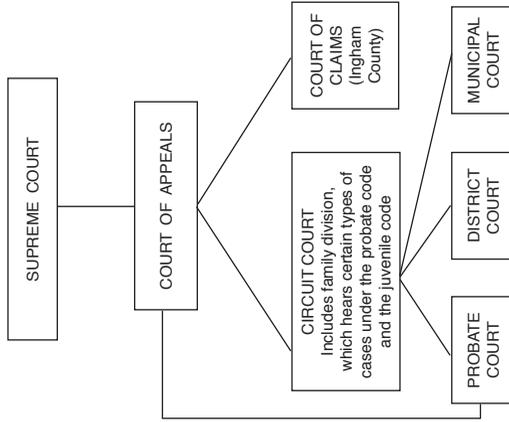
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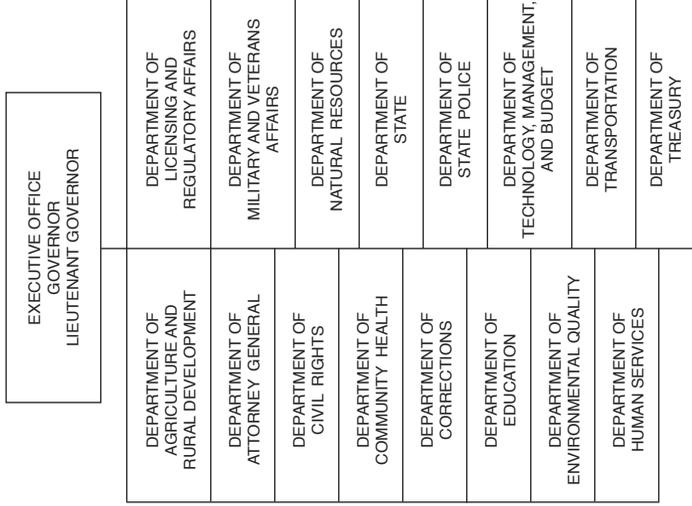


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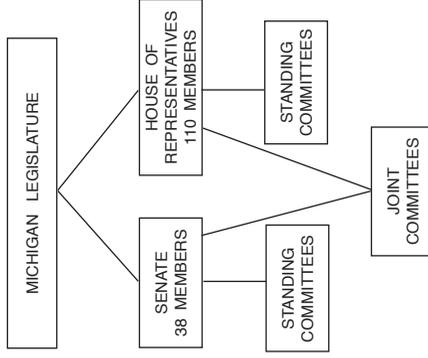
## JUDICIAL BRANCH



## EXECUTIVE BRANCH



## LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



## INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS REPRESENTING YOU AT THE STATE LEVEL

In addition to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Michigan's voters elect two other executive branch officials statewide—the Secretary of State and Attorney General. While candidates for the Office of Governor are chosen in the August primary election, candidates for the others are nominated at the regular party conventions. All of these officials are elected concurrently to four-year terms in the even-numbered year between presidential elections (voters cast one vote jointly for Governor and Lieutenant Governor). An amendment to the Constitution adopted by the voters in 1992 limits these elected executives to two terms (eight years). This limitation applies to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.



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RICK SNYDER (R–Ann Arbor)  
Term Ends: 1-1-15  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909



**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** (4-year term)  
BRIAN N. CALLEY (R–Portland)  
Term Ends: 1-1-15  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 30026  
Lansing, MI 48909



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RUTH JOHNSON (R–Holly)  
Term Ends: 1-1-15  
Treasury Building  
P.O. Box 30045  
Lansing, MI 48918



**ATTORNEY GENERAL** (4-year term)  
BILL SCHUETTE (R–Midland)  
Term Ends: 1-1-15  
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P.O. Box 30212  
Lansing, MI 48909

## THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, hearing cases appealed to it from the Court of Appeals. In addition to its judicial duties, the Supreme Court is responsible for the general administrative supervision of all courts in the state. The Supreme Court also establishes rules for practice and procedure in all courts.

The Supreme Court consists of seven justices: the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices. The justices are elected to serve eight-year terms. Every two years one justice is selected by the court as chief justice. Although justices are nominated by political parties, they are elected on a nonpartisan ballot. A candidate for the Supreme Court must be a qualified elector, licensed to practice law in Michigan, and at the time of election must be less than 70 years of age.



**ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR.**  
(Detroit)  
Chief Justice  
Term Ends: 1-1-2019



**MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH**  
(East Lansing)  
Term Ends: 1-1-2015



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(Northville Township)  
Term Ends: 1-1-2015



**DIANE HATHAWAY**  
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Term Ends: 1-1-2017



**MARY BETH KELLY**  
(Grosse Ile)  
Term Ends: 1-1-2019



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## YOUR MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

Michigan's Legislature is a sovereign and independent branch of state government vested with the power to enact laws by which the actions of the government and the people are regulated and protected.



The first Michigan Legislature, consisting of 16 Senators and 50 Representatives, met in the first Capitol in Detroit, which served as our state's capital city until 1847, when it was moved permanently to Lansing. Today's Legislature consists of 148 members, 110 State Representatives and 38 Senators, sent to Lansing by the voters of their separate districts. These men and women share an important trust and responsibility as expressed by one of the fundamental provisions of the Michigan Constitution of 1963:

The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The Legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.

The direct link between the people and their legislators is reflected in the declaration at the head of every law, which reads:

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

The Michigan Legislature convenes in annual session at noon on the second Wednesday in January of each year. Each session continues until the members agree to adjourn sine die (without day), subject to interim recesses. Special sessions of the Legislature may be called by the Governor but are limited to the consideration of subjects the Governor places before the Legislature.

The Legislature is apportioned every ten years after the official total population count of each federal census so that each representative and senatorial district has as nearly equal population as possible. Based on the 2010 census, each of the 110 State Representative districts has approximately 90,000 residents and each Senate district 260,000 residents.

Except for certain criminal convictions, any person 21 years of age who is a United States citizen and a registered voter in the district to be represented can be elected to either house of the Legislature. However, a legislator can hold no other public office except notary public. In addition, an amendment to the Constitution adopted by the voters limits State Representatives to three terms (six years) in the House of Representatives and State Senators to two terms (eight years) in the Michigan Senate.

The present Capitol was formally opened on January 1, 1879. This magnificent structure, which was rededicated on November 19, 1992, has been restored to the splendor of its original condition. The Legislature consists of two chambers. The Senate Chamber is located in the south wing of the second floor and the House Chamber is in the north wing of the second floor. The floors of the chambers are not open to the public during legislative sessions, but visitors are welcome to view the sessions from the balconies overlooking the chambers which are located on the third floor.

Both chambers are equipped with a public address system and an electronic voting system to record votes.

The presiding officer of the House is called the Speaker (elected from, and a member of, the House of Representatives). The Speaker Pro Tempore and Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore, who are also elected from and by House members, preside when the Speaker is absent or wishes to participate in debate. The Constitution provides that the Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate, but shall not have a vote unless the votes are equally divided. The Senate elects a President Pro Tempore, an Assistant President Pro Tempore, an Associate President Pro Tempore, and an Assistant Associate President Pro Tempore from its membership.

The House sessions are normally held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 12:00 noon. Senate sessions normally begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. However, either house may designate a different hour for convening.

The proceedings of each day's work are published in the Journals of both chambers. In addition, the records of committee action on all bills and resolutions are available for public inspection.

To make certain every member has the opportunity to become acquainted with legislation, bills in the regular sessions must be printed or reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five days before they can be passed. Every bill must be read three times before it can be passed. The final vote on each bill is recorded in the Journals.

All laws must be published in their original words and be made available to the public within 60 days of the adjournment of each regular session.

During a two-year session, the Legislature will introduce approximately 3,500 bills—700-800 of these will become law. Proper consideration of the bills requires organization, time, and hard work. Legislators and legislative committees spend many hours of work on each bill before the bill is sent to the floor of either house for consideration. The floor debate on a bill, seen by a visitor, is only one of the stages of the legislative process.

The people can force the enactment of laws, or reject some laws passed by the Legislature, through the process of petition—submitted to the electorate at the next general election or special election as set forth by the Legislature:

- 1) The INITIATIVE petition, requiring 258,088\* signatures of registered voters, is used to propose laws and to enact or reject laws.
- 2) The REFERENDUM petition, requiring 161,305\* signatures of registered voters, is used to approve or reject laws enacted by the Legislature.
- 3) The CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, requiring 322,609\* signatures of registered voters, is used to amend the Michigan Constitution.

\*In each case, a percentage of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor at the last preceding general election at which a Governor was elected. 1) 8%; 2) 5%; 3) 10%.

# LISTING BY HOUSE DISTRICTS

(new members in boldface)

| Dist. | Representative               | Party | Term | Dist. | Representative         | Party | Term |
|-------|------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------------------------|-------|------|
| 1     | <b>Brian Banks</b>           | D     | 1    | 56    | Dale W. Zorn           | R     | 2    |
| 2     | Alberta Tinsley-Talabi       | D     | 2    | 57    | Nancy Jenkins          | R     | 2    |
| 3     | John Olumba                  | D     | 2    | 58    | Kenneth Kurtz          | R     | 3    |
| 4     | <b>Rose Mary C. Robinson</b> | D     | 1    | 59    | Matt Lori              | R     | 3    |
| 5     | Fred Durhal, Jr.             | D     | 3*   | 60    | Sean McCann            | D     | 2    |
| 6     | Rashida Tlaib                | D     | 3    | 61    | Margaret E. O'Brien    | R     | 2    |
| 7     | Thomas F. Stallworth III     | D     | 2    | 62    | Kate Segal             | D     | 3    |
| 8     | David Nathan                 | D     | 3    | 63    | Jase Bolger            | R     | 3    |
| 9     | Harvey Santana               | D     | 2    | 64    | Earl Poleski           | R     | 2    |
| 10    | Phil Cavanagh                | D     | 2    | 65    | Mike Shirkey           | R     | 2*   |
| 11    | <b>David M. Knezek, Jr.</b>  | D     | 1    | 66    | Aric Nesbitt           | R     | 2    |
| 12    | Douglas A. Geiss             | D     | 3    | 67    | <b>Tom Cochran</b>     | D     | 1    |
| 13    | Andrew Kandrevas             | D     | 3    | 68    | <b>Andy Schor</b>      | D     | 1    |
| 14    | Paul Clemente                | D     | 2    | 69    | <b>Sam Singh</b>       | D     | 1    |
| 15    | George T. Darany             | D     | 2    | 70    | Rick Outman            | R     | 2    |
| 16    | <b>Robert L. Kosowski</b>    | D     | 1    | 71    | <b>Theresa Abed</b>    | D     | 1    |
| 17    | <b>Bill LaVoy</b>            | D     | 1    | 72    | Ken Yonker             | R     | 2    |
| 18    | Sarah Roberts                | D     | 2    | 73    | Peter MacGregor        | R     | 2    |
| 19    | John Walsh                   | R     | 3    | 74    | <b>Rob VerHeulen</b>   | R     | 1    |
| 20    | Kurt Heise                   | R     | 2    | 75    | Brandon Dillon         | D     | 2    |
| 21    | Dian Slavens                 | D     | 3    | 76    | <b>Winnie Brinks</b>   | D     | 1    |
| 22    | Harold Haugh                 | D     | 3    | 77    | Thomas B. Hooker       | R     | 2    |
| 23    | Pat Somerville               | R     | 2    | 78    | <b>Dave Pagel</b>      | R     | 1    |
| 24    | Anthony G. Forlini           | R     | 2    | 79    | Al Pscholka            | R     | 2    |
| 25    | <b>Henry Yanez</b>           | D     | 1    | 80    | Bob Genetski           | R     | 3    |
| 26    | Jim Townsend                 | D     | 2    | 81    | <b>Dan Lauwers</b>     | R     | 1    |
| 27    | Ellen Cogen Lipton           | D     | 3    | 82    | Kevin Daley            | R     | 3    |
| 28    | Jon Switalski                | D     | 3    | 83    | Paul Muxlow            | R     | 2    |
| 29    | Tim Greimel                  | D     | 1*   | 84    | Terry L. Brown         | D     | 3    |
| 30    | Jeff Farrington              | R     | 2    | 85    | Ben Glardon            | R     | 2    |
| 31    | Marilyn Lane                 | D     | 2    | 86    | Lisa Posthumus Lyons   | R     | 2    |
| 32    | Andrea LaFontaine            | R     | 2    | 87    | Mike Callton, D.C.     | R     | 2    |
| 33    | Ken Goike                    | R     | 2    | 88    | <b>Roger Victory</b>   | R     | 1    |
| 34    | Woodrow Stanley              | D     | 3    | 89    | Amanda Price           | R     | 2    |
| 35    | Rudy Hobbs                   | D     | 2    | 90    | Joe Haveman            | R     | 3    |
| 36    | Pete Lund                    | R     | 3    | 91    | <b>Collene Lamonte</b> | D     | 1    |
| 37    | Vicki Barnett                | D     | 3    | 92    | Marcia Hovey-Wright    | D     | 2    |
| 38    | Hugh D. Crawford             | R     | 3    | 93    | <b>Tom Leonard</b>     | R     | 1    |
| 39    | <b>Klint Kesto</b>           | R     | 1    | 94    | <b>Tim Kelly</b>       | R     | 1    |
| 40    | <b>Michael D. McCready</b>   | R     | 1    | 95    | Stacy Erwin Oakes      | D     | 2*   |
| 41    | <b>Martin Howrylak</b>       | R     | 1    | 96    | Charles Brunner        | D     | 2    |
| 42    | Bill Rogers                  | R     | 3    | 97    | Joel Johnson           | R     | 2    |
| 43    | Gail Haines                  | R     | 3    | 98    | Jim Stamas             | R     | 3    |
| 44    | Eileen Kowall                | R     | 3    | 99    | Kevin Cotter           | R     | 2    |
| 45    | Tom McMillin                 | R     | 3    | 100   | Jon Bumstead           | R     | 2    |
| 46    | Bradford C. Jacobsen         | R     | 2    | 101   | Ray A. Franz           | R     | 2    |
| 47    | Cindy Denby                  | R     | 3    | 102   | Phil Potvin            | R     | 2    |
| 48    | <b>Pam Faris</b>             | D     | 1    | 103   | Bruce R. Rendon        | R     | 2    |
| 49    | Jim Ananich                  | D     | 2    | 104   | Wayne A. Schmidt       | R     | 3    |
| 50    | Charles Smiley               | D     | 2    | 105   | Greg MacMaster         | R     | 2    |
| 51    | Joseph Graves                | R     | 1*   | 106   | Peter Pettalia         | R     | 2    |
| 52    | <b>Gretchen Driskell</b>     | D     | 1    | 107   | Frank D. Foster        | R     | 2    |
| 53    | Jeff Irwin                   | D     | 2    | 108   | Ed McBroom             | R     | 2    |
| 54    | David Rutledge               | D     | 2    | 109   | <b>John Kivela</b>     | D     | 1    |
| 55    | <b>Adam Zemke</b>            | D     | 1    | 110   | <b>Scott Dianda</b>    | D     | 1    |

\* Additional seniority due to special election.

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|                                   |                        |          |
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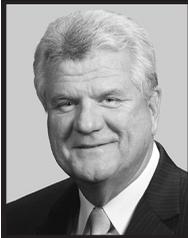
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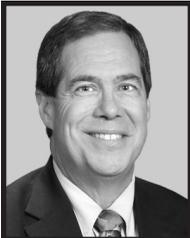


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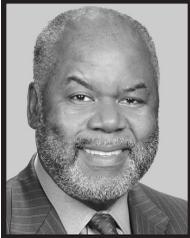
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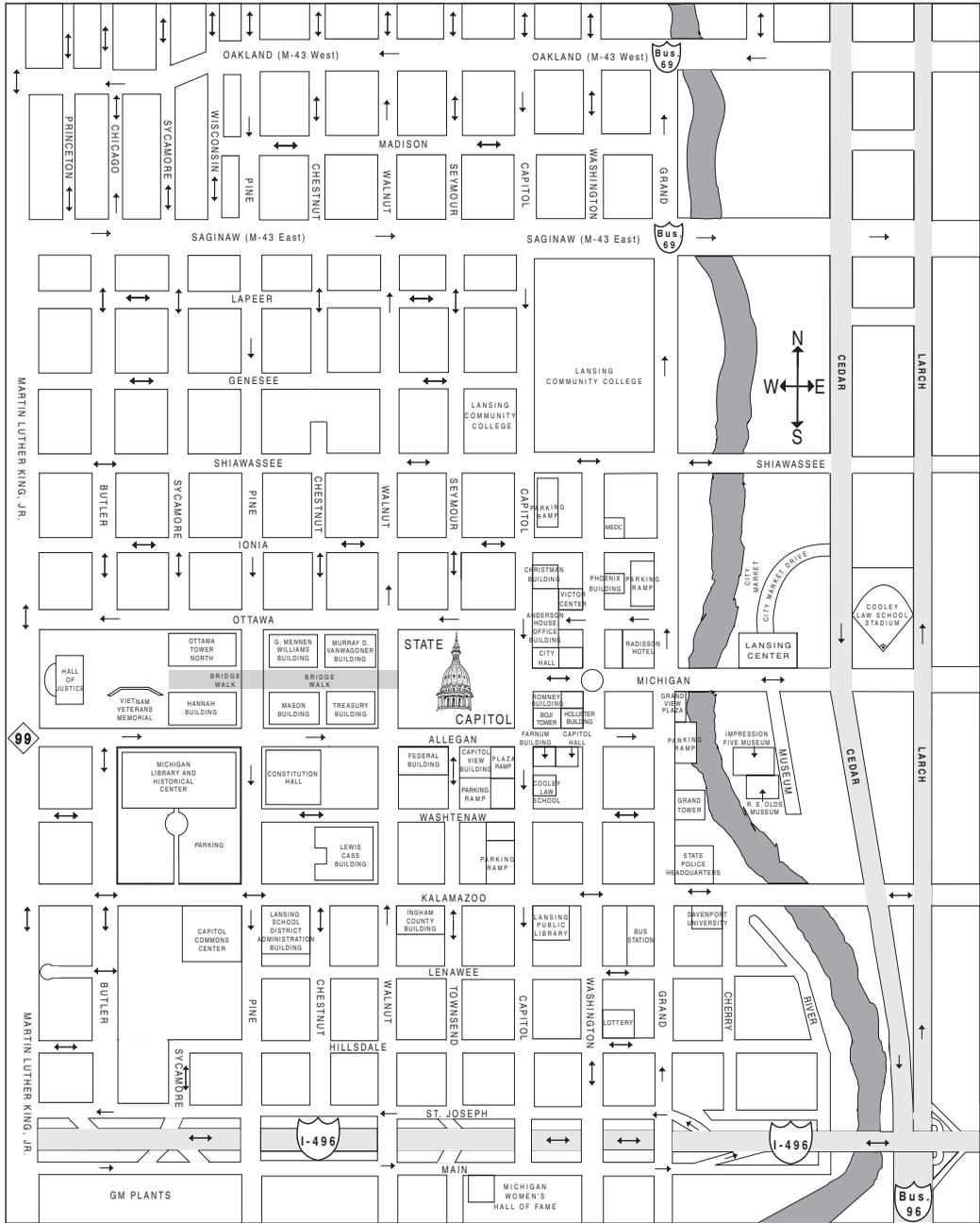
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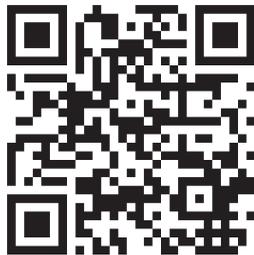
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