CHAPTER 2. STATE

STATE AREA
Act 78 of 1945

AN ACT to declare the area of the state of Michigan.

History: 1945, Act 78, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.1 Area of state; basis.

Sec. 1. The total area of the state of Michigan is hereby declared to be 96,720 square miles consisting of 57,022 square miles of land and 39,698 square miles of inland water as based upon the boundaries of the state of Michigan according to article I, section 1 of the constitution of the state of Michigan of 1909, and United States statutes at large, volume 5, page 49, chapter 99, approved June 15, 1836.

History: 1945, Act 78, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;—CL 1948, 2.1.

Compiler's note: In this section, "article I, section 1 of the constitution of the state of Michigan of 1909" evidently refers to the Constitution of 1908. There is no comparable provision in the Constitution of 1963.

2.2 Area of state; figures for official state publications.

Sec. 2. All official publications of the state of Michigan issued after the passage of this act, in which the total area, total land area or total water area of Michigan are stated shall use the figures set forth in section 1.

History: 1945, Act 78, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;—CL 1948, 2.2.

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STATE FLOWER
J.R. 10 of 1897

A JOINT RESOLUTION to designate and adopt a state flower.

2.11 State flower.

WHEREAS, A refined sentiment seems to call for the adoption of a state flower; and

WHEREAS, Our blossoming apple trees add much to the beauty of our landscape, and Michigan apples have gained a worldwide reputation; and

WHEREAS, At least one of the most fragrant and beautiful flowered species of apple, the pyrus coronaria, is native to our state; therefore

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the apple blossom be and the same hereby is designated and adopted as the state flower of the state of Michigan.

History: 1897, J.R. 10, Imd. Eff. Apr. 28, 1897;—CL 1897, 1755;—CL 1915, 1096;—CL 1929, 133;—CL 1948, 2.11.

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STATE REPTILE
Act 281 of 1995

AN ACT to designate the state reptile.

History: 1995, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1996.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.14 State reptile.

Sec. 1. The painted turtle (Chrysemys picta) is designated as the official reptile of this state.

History: 1995, Act 281, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 1996.

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STATE FISH
Act 58 of 1965

AN ACT to designate the brook trout as the state fish for the state of Michigan.

History: 1965, Act 58, Eff. Mar. 31, 1966;—Am. 1988, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 5, 1988.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.15 Brook trout as state fish; use of materials containing reference to trout.

Sec. 1. (1) The brook trout is designated as the official fish of the state of Michigan.

(2) The state shall make use of all materials previously prepared that contain a reference to the trout as the official fish of the state before it prepares or has prepared new materials that contain a reference to the brook trout as the official fish of the state.

History: 1965, Act 58, Eff. Mar. 31, 1966;—Am. 1988, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Feb. 5, 1988.

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STATE STONE
Act 89 of 1965

AN ACT to adopt the Petoskey stone as the state stone for the state of Michigan.

History: 1965, Act 89, Eff. Mar. 31, 1966.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.16 State stone.

Sec. 1. The Petoskey stone is hereby adopted as the official stone of the state of Michigan.

History: 1965, Act 89, Eff. Mar. 31, 1966.

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STATE GEM
Act 56 of 1972

AN ACT to adopt chlorastrolite as the state gem.

History: 1972, Act 56, Eff. Mar. 30, 1973.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.17 State gem.

Sec. 1. Chlorastrolite, commonly known as greenstone, is adopted as the official gem of this state.

History: 1972, Act 56, Eff. Mar. 30, 1973.

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STATE SYMBOL FOR CLEAN WATER
Act 78 of 2004

AN ACT to designate an official state symbol for clean water in this state.

History: 2004, Act 78, Imd. Eff. Apr. 21, 2004.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.18 State symbol for clean water.

Sec. 1. The American lotus blossom (Nelumbo lutea) is designated as the official state symbol for clean water in this state.

History: 2004, Act 78, Imd. Eff. Apr. 21, 2004.

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COAT-OF-ARMS AND FLAG
Act 209 of 1911

AN ACT to adopt and prescribe the design of a state coat-of-arms and state flag, and their use; to prohibit the use of the same for advertising purposes; to prescribe standards for the manufacture, sale, and display of certain flags of the United States and the state flag; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—Am. 2012, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 14, 2012.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.21 State coat-of-arms; adoption.

Sec. 1. The device and inscriptions of the great seal of the state of Michigan, Anno Domini 1835, presented by Lewis Cass to the forthcoming state, through the constitutional convention and adopted June 2, 1835, and filed with the secretary of the territory, June 24, 1835, and illustrated by a seal with said device and inscriptions attached to a state document, bearing date 1838, and to the constitution of 1850 received and filed in the office of the secretary of state, August 15, 1850, and now on file in said office, omitting the legend "The great seal of the state of Michigan, Anno Domini 1835," is hereby adopted as the coat-of-arms of the state.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1098;—CL 1929, 134;—CL 1948, 2.21.

Compiler's note: For constitutional provision as to great seal of the state of Michigan referred to in this section, see now Const. 1963, Art. III, § 3.

2.22 State coat-of-arms; emblazonment.

Sec. 2. The coat-of-arms shall be blazoned as follows:

Chief, Azure, motto argent Tuebor;

Charge, Azure, sun-rayed rising sinister proper, lake wavey proper, peninsula dexter grassy proper, man dexter on peninsula, rustic, habited, dexter arm-raised, dexter turned, sinister arm with gun stock resting, all proper;

Crest, On a wreath azure and or, an American eagle rising to the dexter, tips of wings partly lowered to base, all proper, dexter talon holding an olive branch with 13 fruit, sinister talon holding a sheaf of 3 arrows, all proper. Over his head a sky azure environed with a scroll gules with the motto "E Pluribus Unum" argent;

Supporters;

Dexter, An elk rampant, proper;

Sinister, A moose rampant, proper;

Mottoes, On the scroll unending superior narrow argent, in sable, the motto, "Si quaeris peninsulam, amoenam."

On the scroll unending inferior, broader argent in sable the motto "circumspice."

Observations:

Scroll support and conventional leaf design between shield and scroll superior or;

Escutcheon supporters rest on the scroll supports and leaf design.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1099;—CL 1929, 135;—CL 1948, 2.22.

2.22a Purchase of United States or state flag; manufacture; applicability to local units of government.

Sec. 2a. (1) This state, including all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or other agencies of this state, shall not purchase a flag of the United States or a state flag of Michigan for display upon a building or property owned, or entirely leased, or operated by this state, including all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or other agencies of this state, unless the flag was manufactured in the United States or a territory of the United States.

(2) This state, including all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or other agencies of this state, shall not purchase a flag of the United States or state flag of Michigan for resale unless the flag was manufactured in the United States or a territory of the United States.

(3) This section does not apply to local units of government.

History: Add. 2012, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 14, 2012.

2.23 State flag.

Sec. 3. The state flag shall be blue charged with the arms of the state.

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History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1100;—CL 1929, 136;—CL 1948, 2.23.

2.24 Governor's flag.

Sec. 4. The governor's flag shall be white charged with the arms of the state.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1101;—CL 1929, 137;—CL 1948, 2.24.

2.25 State coat-of-arms; where hung.

Sec. 5. The device of the arms of the state corresponding to the blazon hereinbefore given shall be painted on some suitable background and hung upon the walls of the executive chamber, the office of the secretary of state, the supreme court room, the senate chamber and hall of the house of representatives.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1102;—CL 1929, 138;—CL 1948, 2.25.

2.26 State coat-of-arms; use on official letterheads and documents.

Sec. 6. No pictorial device other than the arms of the state shall be used in the public offices at the capitol for letter headings and envelopes used for official business. Persons printing and circulating public documents under the authority of the state, when they use a vignette, shall place upon the title pages of the documents the device of the state arms herein prescribed without alterations or additions.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1103;—CL 1929, 139;—CL 1948, 2.26.

2.27 United States flag, state flag; display, expense payment.

Sec. 7. The flag of the United States and the state flag bearing the arms of the state, shall be displayed upon the capitol building during the daily sessions of the legislature and of the supreme court, and on public occasions. The board of state auditors shall see that the flags are so displayed and that the necessary flag staffs shall be placed and flags supplied. The expense thereof shall be allowed by them and paid by the state treasurer upon proper warrant.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1104;—CL 1929, 140;—CL 1948, 2.27.

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PLEDGE TO STATE FLAG
Act 165 of 1972

AN ACT to prescribe the official pledge of allegiance for the state flag.

History: 1972, Act 165, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1972.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.29 Pledge to state flag.

Sec. 1. The following pledge of allegiance to the state flag, written by Harold G. Coburn, shall be the official pledge of allegiance to the state flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of Michigan, and to the state for which it stands, 2 beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal.".

History: 1972, Act 165, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1972.

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STATE TREE
Act 7 of 1955

AN ACT to adopt the white pine (Pinus strobus, L.) as the official state tree for the state of Michigan.

History: 1955, Act 7, Eff. Oct. 14, 1955.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.31 State tree.

Sec. 1. The white pine (Pinus strobus, L.) is hereby adopted as the official state tree for the state of Michigan.

History: 1955, Act 7, Eff. Oct. 14, 1955.

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GREAT SEAL
Act 19 of 1963 (2nd Ex. Sess.)

AN ACT to provide a great seal for the state of Michigan; to provide for its location and use; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.41 Great seal; as official seal.

Sec. 1. The state of Michigan shall have a great seal which shall be the official seal of the state.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

2.42 Great seal; description.

Sec. 2. The great seal shall be comprised of the coat of arms of the state around which shall appear the words "great seal of the state of Michigan, A.D. MDCCCXXXV".

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

2.43 Great seal; official dies.

Sec. 3. The official dies of the great seal shall not be transported outside the state but shall remain at the seat of government at the office of the secretary of state.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

2.44 Great seal; impression on certain documents.

Sec. 4. An impression of the great seal shall be placed on the following documents but no others:

(a) Extraditions.

(b) Warrants issued under extradition proceedings.

(c) Pardons.

(d) Commutations of sentences.

(e) Appointments by the governor to public office.

(f) Railroad police commissions.

(g) Notary public commissions.

(h) Governor's proclamations including those calling extraordinary sessions of the legislature.

(i) Land patents.

(j) Farm centennial certificates issued where land has been in the family for 100 years or more.

(k) Military commissions issued under authority of the adjutant general.

(*l*) Certifications of the holding of office by the administrative board members, county clerks and notaries public.

(m) Certifications of the qualifications of elected and appointed officials.

(n) Trademark registration certificates.

(o) Copies of records and documents required by law to be filed with or maintained by the secretary of state for the purpose of authenticating their genuineness.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

2.45 Great seal; facsimiles and reproductions.

Sec. 5. No facsimile or reproduction of the great seal shall be used in a manner unconnected with official functions of the state.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

2.46 Great seal violations; penalty.

Sec. 6. Any person who violates any provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

2.47 Great seal act; effective date.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1964.

History: 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

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COMPENSATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES
Act 204 of 1958

AN ACT to fix the compensation and mileage of constitutional convention delegates.

History: 1958, Act 204, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.51 Constitutional convention delegates; compensation for services.

Sec. 1. Each seated delegate to a convention for revising the constitution of Michigan shall receive for his services the sum of $500.00 semi-monthly, commencing on the day the delegate is seated and continuing to the final adjournment of the convention or until a vacancy in his seat if a vacancy should sooner occur. No delegate shall receive more than $7,500.00, and each seated delegate shall be entitled to at least $1,000.00 as the constitution provides.

History: 1958, Act 204, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.

2.52 Constitutional convention delegates; mileage allowance.

Sec. 2. Each seated delegate shall receive 10 cents per mile and no more for 1 round trip per month between his place of residence and the state capitol each month during which the constitutional convention is in session.

History: 1958, Act 204, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.

2.53 Constitutional convention delegates; payment of compensation and mileage.

Sec. 3. The compensation for services shall be paid semi-monthly, and the mileage shall be paid monthly, by the state treasurer prepared from vouchers submitted by the secretary of the convention, out of appropriations made for the expenses of the convention, in accordance with the accounting laws of this state.

History: 1958, Act 204, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958;—Am. 2002, Act 363, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

2.54 Constitutional convention delegates; compensation and mileage allowance for president.

Sec. 4. The president of the convention shall receive the same compensation and mileage as is paid to other delegates, and no more.

History: 1958, Act 204, Eff. Sept. 13, 1958.

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STATE SOIL
Act 302 of 1990

AN ACT to designate the Kalkaska soil series as the official state soil.

History: 1990, Act 302, Imd. Eff. Dec. 14, 1990.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.61 State soil.

Sec. 1. The Kalkaska soil series is adopted as the official soil of this state.

History: 1990, Act 302, Imd. Eff. Dec. 14, 1990.

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STATE GAME MAMMAL
Act 15 of 1997

AN ACT to designate an official mammal of this state.

History: 1997, Act 15, Imd. Eff. June 11, 1997.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.71 State game mammal.

Sec. 1. The white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) is designated as the official game mammal of this state.

History: 1997, Act 15, Imd. Eff. June 11, 1997.

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STATE WILDFLOWER
Act 454 of 1998

AN ACT to designate an official wildflower of this state.

History: 1998, Act 454, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1998.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.81 State wildflower.

Sec. 1. The dwarf lake iris (Iris lacustris) is designated as an official wildflower of this state.

History: 1998, Act 454, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1998.

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FLAG MONTH
Act 460 of 1998

AN ACT to designate an official flag month of this state and to provide guidelines for display and handling.

History: 1998, Act 460, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1999.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.91 Designation of official flag month; handling and displaying flag.

Sec. 1. (1) June 14 through July 14 each year is designated as the official flag month of this state.

(2) Handling and displaying the flag of the United States is encouraged according to the following guidelines:

(a) The flag of the United States should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

(b) When flags of states, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the flag of the United States should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No other flag or pennant should be placed above the flag of the United States or to the United States flag's right.

(c) When flags of 2 or more nations are displayed, they should be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. A flag of 1 nation should not be placed above the flag of another nation in time of peace.

(d) When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the windowsill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff. The flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

(e) When the flag of the United States is displayed either horizontally or vertically, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right and should be to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag of the United States should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

(f) When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street and to the east in a north and south street.

(g) When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker.

(h) When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States should be at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he or she faces the audience. Any other flag displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

(i) The flag of the United States should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a public statue or monument, but the flag should not be used as the covering for the public statue or monument.

(j) The flag of the United States, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

History: 1998, Act 460, Imd. Eff. Jan. 4, 1999.

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MICHIGAN TOURISM POLICY ACT
Act 106 of 1945

AN ACT to enhance the economic viability of the state through development, improvement, and promotion of the travel, tourism, and convention industry of the state; to create the Michigan travel commission and to prescribe its powers and duties; to create a travel bureau, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for appropriations in carrying out this act and the allocation and disbursement of those appropriations; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1945, Act 106, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1945;—Am. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.101 Short title; legislative findings; intent.

Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michigan tourism policy act".

(2) The legislature finds all of the following:

(a) Tourism is a major source of employment, income, and tax revenues in this state, and the expansion of the tourism industry is vital to the growth of the state's economy.

(b) The tourism industry is important to the state, not only because of the numbers of people it serves and the vast human, financial, and physical resources it employs, but because of the benefits tourism and related activities confer on individuals and on society as a whole.

(c) Investment of state resources is needed to provide a more effective means of marketing travel to, and within, the state, and to optimize the considerable investment of time, energy, capital, and resources being made by the tourism industry.

(d) Coordination of existing state government involvement in tourism promotion at the state level and with local government and the private sector will maximize the economic and employment benefits of the tourism industry.

(3) Through this act the legislature intends to encourage all of the following:

(a) A commitment to the fostering of the economic activity inherent in tourism promotion.

(b) Development of a means to promote and market the state as a destination for tourists on a worldwide basis.

(c) Tourism growth to assist this state in remaining competitive in the world tourism marketplace.

(d) Maximization of the contribution of the tourism-related industries to the state's economic prosperity and expansion of employment opportunities.

(e) Recognition of historic, natural, and scenic environments, and the development of cultural and heritage tourism programs and international marketing strategies, to enhance the state's appeal as a destination for domestic and international tourism.

(f) Provision of timely, up-to-date travel and tourism information on urban and rural locations in various regions of the state to enable state residents to take maximum advantage of travel opportunities within the state.

(g) Health, education, and intercultural appreciation of the geography, natural resources, history, arts, and ethnicity of the state.

(h) The welcome entry of individuals traveling to the state to enhance international understanding and goodwill, consistent with immigration laws, laws protecting the public health, laws governing the importation of goods into the United States, and other applicable laws and regulations.

(i) The collection, analysis, and timely dissemination of data which accurately measures the economic impact of tourism on the state in order to facilitate planning in the public and private sectors.

(j) The establishment of a program to market the travel vacation opportunities available in this state to residents and nonresidents by using any medium or means that the travel bureau, in consultation with the travel commission, determines appropriate.

(k) Public interest in protection of the natural resources and the cultural heritage of the state.

(*l*) Recognition of state and locally managed recreational opportunities including camping, hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, golfing, skiing, and other outdoor recreation experiences.

History: 1945, Act 106, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1945;—CL 1948, 2.101;—Am. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975;—Am. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993;—Am. 1994, Act 102, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1994.

2.102 Michigan travel commission; creation; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancies; compensation and expenses; travel bureau director; chair and vice-chair; meetings; removal from office; quorum; voting; public meeting; documents

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subject to freedom of information act.

Sec. 2. (1) The Michigan travel commission is created within the department of commerce.

(2) The commission shall consist of 13 members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The governor shall select members who are experienced in the travel, tourism, and recreation industry or an associated field. Members of the commission shall be representative of all geographic areas of the state. Not less than 7 members of the commission shall be owners and operators of for-profit businesses from the private sector of the travel, tourism, and recreation industry and shall be experienced in the travel, tourism, and recreation industry. Of the 7 members appointed from the private sector not less than 4 members shall be owners and operators of small businesses. As used in this section, “small businesses” means business concerns incorporated or doing business in this state which employ not more than 100 full-time or part-time employees.

(3) A member of the commission shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. No member may serve more than 2 full 4-year terms. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(4) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation. However, members of the commission may be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties not to exceed 25 days in a fiscal year pursuant to the standard travel regulations of the department of management and budget.

(5) The commission shall recommend by name the appointment of the travel bureau director to the director of the department of commerce, and elect from its membership annually a chair and vice-chair. The commission shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently if requested by 8 or more members, or at the call of the chair.

(6) A member of the commission may be removed from office by the governor in accordance with section 10 of article V of the state constitution of 1963.

(7) A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the commission. A majority vote of the members present and serving is required for official action of the Michigan travel commission.

(8) The business of the Michigan travel commission shall be conducted at a public meeting of that commission, held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(9) A document prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Michigan travel commission in the performance of an official function is subject to 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: 1945, Act 106, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1945;—CL 1948, 2.102;—Am. 1956, Act 94, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956;—Am. 1960, Act 5, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 1960;—Am. 1961, Act 32, Imd. Eff. May 18, 1961;—Am. 1962, Act 52, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963;—Am. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975;—Am. 1986, Act 233, Imd. Eff. Oct. 6, 1986;—Am. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993.

Compiler's note: For transfer of the Michigan travel commission from the department of commerce to the Michigan jobs commission, see E.R.O. No. 1994-10, compiled at MCL 408.48 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

2.102a Travel bureau; creation; duties.

Sec. 2a. The travel bureau is created within the department of commerce and shall do all of the following:

(a) Implement programs to market this state as a desirable travel destination.

(b) Before funding a promotional effort, identify and document those benefits to the state that the travel bureau determines likely to result from the promotional effort.

(c) Withhold funds for any proposed promotional effort that in the travel bureau's determination will not likely benefit the travel industry in the state or conform with the goals of the master plan described in section 2c.

(d) If the travel bureau expends funds for a promotional effort, identify and document the actual benefits, if any, conferred upon the state by that promotional effort.

(e) Use reasonable means to identify, review, and comment upon the policies and programs of state agencies which directly affect the achievement of the duties and responsibilities of the travel bureau.

(f) Facilitate travel to and within this state to the maximum extent feasible.

(g) From time to time, convene interagency committees, consisting of representatives of units of state government that may be required to devise recommendations to identify and solve tourism problems.

(h) Provide informational assistance and guidance to regional, county, and city tourism development organizations and similar private organizations in planning programs to attract visitors.

History: Add. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975;—Am. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan travel bureau from the department of commerce to the Michigan jobs

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commission, see E.R.O. No. 1994-10, compiled at MCL 408.48 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Administrative rules: R 2.101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

2.102b Employee acceptance of free meals or lodging; policy.

Sec. 2b. The travel bureau shall develop with the department of commerce a formal, written policy governing travel bureau employee acceptance of free meals or lodging, and implement that policy within 1 year of the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.

History: Add. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993.

2.102c Master plan.

Sec. 2c. (1) In consultation with the appropriate divisions of the Michigan department of commerce, the travel bureau and Michigan travel commission shall develop a comprehensive, long-range master plan for a period of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years that identifies each of the following:

(a) Tourism development and management goals.

(b) Programs proposed to be implemented during the term of the master plan.

(2) The master plan shall be updated as the travel bureau, Michigan travel commission, and the appropriate divisions of the department of commerce determine necessary.

History: Add. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993.

2.102d Annual report.

Sec. 2d. Beginning 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, the travel bureau shall submit to the travel commission, the governor, and the legislature an annual report containing all of the following:

(a) A statement identifying and analyzing expenditures authorized by the travel bureau during the preceding 12 months, and a summary of the results of those expenditures.

(b) A tourism marketing plan for the next fiscal year.

History: Add. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993.

2.103 Michigan travel commission; duties.

Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan travel commission shall do all of the following:

(a) Assist the Michigan travel bureau with the development of a comprehensive long-range master plan.

(b) Annually assess the activities and accomplishments of the Michigan travel bureau, and convey each assessment in writing to the director of the department of commerce.

(c) Work to the maximum extent practicable with those private associations, nonprofit corporations, organizations, or other private entities which promote tourism in this state.

(d) Promulgate rules for the implementation of this act pursuant to Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(e) Conduct public hearings to obtain input concerning policy development from a broad cross section of travel interests.

(f) Withhold expenditure of state funds otherwise authorized under this act if the Michigan travel bureau determines that the proposed expenditure is for an activity that does not conform with the goals of the master plan described in section 2c or does not benefit the travel industry in the state.

(2) The commission shall authorize the expenditure of funds necessary to carry out this act, and shall be authorized to incur necessary expenses, in accordance with the accounting laws of the state.

(3) The commission, in cooperation with the Michigan travel bureau, may convene committees consisting of qualified professionals and experts in various segments of the tourism industry that may be required to aid in the preparation of, or revision of, all or part of a marketing plan.

History: 1945, Act 106, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 1945;—CL 1948, 2.103;—Am. 1956, Act 94, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956;—Am. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975;—Am. 1993, Act 109, Imd. Eff. July 16, 1993.

Compiler's note: For transfer of the Michigan travel commission from the department of commerce to the Michigan jobs commission, see E.R.O. No. 1994-10, compiled at MCL 408.48 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

2.103a Appropriation; basic support and discretionary grants.

Sec. 3a. The legislature shall annually appropriate the sums necessary to implement this act. Amounts as appropriated by the legislature shall be made available for basic support and discretionary grants to eligible local and regional travel authorities and agencies in accordance with the following:

(a) Basic support grants shall be made to eligible agencies and authorities to provide continuing support of advertising and promotional efforts designed to encourage travel for purposes of resort and recreational tourism, business and conventions, and sightseeing and entertainment. Grant funds shall be utilized to fund

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the operating expenses of eligible agencies and the direct cost of advertising and promotion. The specific amount of grants, matching requirements, eligible applicants, application procedure, and administrative and reporting requirements shall be established within the guidelines of rules promulgated by the Michigan travel commission.

(b) Basic support grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, shall be made in accordance with sections 26(a), 26(b), and 26(c) of Act No. 239 of the Public Acts of 1974, and section 6 of this act.

(c) Discretionary grants shall be made to eligible applicants for travel development and marketing projects based upon the extent of impact upon employment, economic stability, and increase in real per capita income. The specific application procedure and project grant requirements shall be established in rules promulgated by the Michigan travel commission.

History: Add. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975.

Administrative rules: R 2.101 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

2.104, 2.105 Repealed. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975.

Compiler's note: The repealed sections pertained to reports and financial estimates of the Michigan tourist council.

2.106 Repealed. 1975, Act 145, Eff. July 1, 1976.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to funds available to regional associations.

2.107, 2.108 Repealed. 1975, Act 145, Imd. Eff. July 9, 1975.

Compiler's note: The repealed sections pertained to reversion of unencumbered funds and cooperation with agricultural marketing council.

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EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER
E.R.O. No. 1997-1

2.111 Renaming of Michigan travel bureau as Travel Michigan.

WHEREAS, Michigan's tourist industry is crucial to the economic well-being of the state; and,

WHEREAS, the role of the Michigan Travel Bureau in marketing Michigan and bolstering tourism is an essential ingredient in assuring a strong tourism industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Travel Bureau was created by Act No. 145 of the Public Acts of 1975, as amended, being section 2.102a of the Michigan Compiled Laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

1. The Michigan Travel Bureau is hereby renamed Travel Michigan.

2. Any and all statutory references to the Travel Bureau or Michigan Travel Bureau are hereinafter to be deemed a reference to Travel Michigan.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall become effective sixty (60) days from the filing of this Order.

History: 1997, E.R.O. No. 1997-1, Eff. Mar. 17, 1997.

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STATE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS
Act 48 of 1966

AN ACT to establish a state council for the arts; and to define the council's powers and duties.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

Compiler's note: For abolition of the State Council for the Arts, created in the Department of Administration, now the Department of Management and Budget, and transferring its powers, duties, and functions to the Director of the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-13, compiled at MCL 2.131 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For establishment of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs within the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-18, compiled at MCL 2.132 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.121 State council for the arts; members, status of council.

Sec. 1. The state council for the arts is created to consist of 15 members broadly representative of all fields of the performing and creative arts to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The council shall exist as an autonomous unit within the department of administration, except for budgeting, procurement and related management functions.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

Compiler's note: For abolition of the State Council for the Arts, created in the Department of Administration, now the Department of Management and Budget, and transferring its powers, duties, and functions to the Director of the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-13, compiled at MCL 2.131 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For establishment of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs within the Department of Commerce, see E.R.O. No. 1991-18, compiled at MCL 2.132 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

2.122 Council; terms of office, chairman, vice-chairman, vacancies, expenses.

Sec. 2. The term of office of each member shall be 4 years, except of the members first appointed 4 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year, 4 for 2 years, 4 for 3 years and 3 for 4 years. The governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman from the members of the council to serve as such at the pleasure of the governor. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the council. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

2.123 Council; executive director; appointment, duties.

Sec. 3. The chairman shall appoint an executive director whose duties and responsibilities shall be prescribed by the council.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

2.124 Council; duties.

Sec. 4. The council shall:

(1) Stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the performing and creative arts.

(2) Make such surveys as may be deemed advisable of public and private institutions engaged within the state in artistic and cultural activities, including but not limited to educational institutions, music, theater, dance, visual arts, literature and letters, architecture and architectural landscaping, museums, and allied arts and crafts and define and effectuate appropriate programs to implement the aforementioned activities.

(3) Take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of our state and expand the state's cultural resources.

(4) Encourage a freedom of artistic expression essential for the well-being of the arts.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

2.125 Council; powers; assistance from other state agencies.

Sec. 5. The council may hold public and private hearings, enter into contracts with individuals, organizations and institutions for services furthering the cultural objectives of the council's programs; enter into contracts with local and regional associations for cooperative endeavors furthering the cultural objectives of the council's programs; accept gifts, contributions and bequests of unrestricted funds from individuals, foundations, corporations and other organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering the cultural objectives of the council's programs; make and sign any agreements and do and perform any acts that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. The council may receive from any department, division, board,

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bureau, commission or agency of the state such assistance and data as to enable it properly to carry out its powers and duties hereunder.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

2.126 Council; national endowment for arts act funds.

Sec. 6. The council is the official agency of this state to receive and disburse funds made available by the national endowment for the arts act.

History: 1966, Act 48, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1966.

2.127 Repealed. 1975, Act 30, Imd. Eff. Apr. 24, 1975.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to annual report of state council for the arts.

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EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER
E.R.O. No. 1991-13

2.131 Transfer of powers and duties of the state council for the arts and the committee on arts in public places to the department of commerce.

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the State Council for the Arts was created by Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 1966, being Section 2.121 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, in the Department of Administration, now the Department of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of Art in Public Places was created by Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1980, being Section 18.71 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, in the Department of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, the functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned to the State Council for the Arts and the Committee on Arts in Public Places can be more effectively organized and carried out under the supervision and direction of the head of the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to effect changes in the organization of the Executive Branch of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 and laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

(1) All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State Council for the Arts are hereby transferred to the Director of the Department of Commerce, as head of the Department of Commerce, by a Type III transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Act of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) All the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Committee on Arts in Public Places are hereby transferred to the Director of the Department of Commerce, as head of the Department of Commerce, by a Type III transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(3) The Director of the Department of Commerce shall consolidate the transferred authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities with the authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the existing Office of Film in the Department of Commerce, into a new Office of the Arts, Film, and Cultural Affairs in the Department of Commerce, and may appoint the Director of that new office or may administer the assigned functions in other ways to promote efficient administration.

(4) The Director of the Department of Commerce shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfers. The assigned functions shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the Director, and all prescribed functions of rule making, licensing, and registration, including the prescription of rules, regulations, standards, and adjudications, shall be transferred to the Director of the Department of Commerce.

(5) All records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds used, held, employed, available, or to be made available to the State Council for the Arts and the Committee on Art in Public Places for the activities transferred to the Department of Commerce by this Order are hereby transferred to the Department of Commerce.

(6) The Director of the Department of Commerce shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities prescribed by this Order.

(7) The Director of the Department of Commerce and the Director of the Department of Management and Budget shall immediately initiate coordination to facilitate the transfer and develop a memorandum of record identifying any pending settlements, issues of compliance with applicable federal and State laws and regulations, or other obligations to be resolved by the State Council for the Arts and the Committee on Art in Public Places.

(8) All rules, orders, contracts, and agreements relating to the assigned functions lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended, or repealed.

(9) Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected by this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of

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1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall become effective September 1, 1991, at 12:01 a.m.

History: 1991, E.R.O. No. 1991-13, Eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

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EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER
E.R.O. No. 1991-18

2.132 Establishment of Michigan council for arts and cultural affairs in department of commerce.

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 1991-13, the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the State Council for the Arts and the Committee on Art in Public Places were transferred to the Director of the Department of Commerce, as head of the Department of Commerce, by a Type III transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965 being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which has the effect of abolishing the State Council for the Arts and the Committee on Art in Public Places; and

WHEREAS, the arts enrich our lives and are vital to the well-being of our society; and

WHEREAS, the arts bring important benefits to Michigan's economy, to our efforts to attract business to this state, and to our tourist industry; and

WHEREAS, arts education is a critical part of the education of our youth in that it opens new worlds to them, encourages creativity, and presents opportunities for careers; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that there be public advice and consultation with respect to the arts and cultural affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

(1) There is hereby established, in the Department of Commerce, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs consisting of 15 members to be appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs shall perform the following functions:

(a) Advise the Governor and the Director of the Department of Commerce on matters relating to arts and cultural affairs.

(b) Disburse, fund and make grants to public and private arts and cultural entities.

(c) Accept gifts, grants, loans, appropriations or other aid from the federal, state or local government, from a subdivision, agency or instrumentality of the federal, state or local government, or from a person, corporation, partnership, association, firm or other organization and to agree and comply with conditions attached to such gifts, grants, loans, appropriations or other aid.

(d) Make and execute contracts and other instruments with any federal, state or local government, with any subdivision, agency or instrumentality of the federal, state or local government, or with any person, corporation, partnership, association, firm or other organization necessary or convenient to the proper exercise of its function.

(e) Develop and implement a long range plan to accomplish its objectives.

(3) The term of office of each member of the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs shall be three years, except that of the members first appointed; five shall be appointed for a term of one year, five shall be appointed for a term of two years and five shall be appointed for a term of three years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

(4) The Governor shall appoint one member of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs as Chairperson. The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs shall elect other officers as it deems necessary.

(5) Members of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs shall receive no compensation, but may be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses, including mileage, incurred in carrying out their advisory functions.

(6) The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs may appoint subcommittees and advisory committees. The Director of the Department of Commerce may assign staff, if requested by the Chairperson of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, to assist the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs in performing its functions.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall become effective September 1, 1991, at 12:02 a.m.

History: 1991, E.R.O. No. 1991-18, Eff. Oct. 28, 1991.

Compiler's note: For transfer of Michigan council for arts and cultural affairs and Michigan council for the arts fund from department of history, arts, and libraries to Michigan strategic fund, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.

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2.151-2.159 Repealed. 1963, Act 205, Eff. Sept. 6, 1963.

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PLACEMENT OF NATIONAL MOTTO
Act 184 of 2001

AN ACT to strongly encourage state agencies and units of local government to exercise their constitutional ability to place the national motto in or on public buildings or land in this state.

History: 2001, Act 184, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 2001.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.161 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "State agency" means a department, board, commission, office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government. State agency includes a state institution of higher education.

(b) "Unit of local government" means a political subdivision of this state, including school districts, community college districts, intermediate school districts, public school academies, cities, villages, townships, counties, and authorities, if the political subdivision has as its primary purpose the providing of local governmental service for citizens in a geographically limited area of the state and has the power to act primarily on behalf of that area.

History: 2001, Act 184, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 2001.

2.162 National motto; placement in public buildings.

Sec. 2. This state strongly encourages each state agency and unit of local government to exercise their constitutional ability to place the national motto "In God We Trust" in or on public buildings or land owned or occupied by that state agency or unit of local government.

History: 2001, Act 184, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 2001.

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OFFICIAL DEPICTIONS OF STATE
Act 147 of 2009

AN ACT to require all official depictions of the state of Michigan to include both peninsulas of the state.

History: 2009, Act 147, Imd. Eff. Nov. 19, 2009.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.171 Depiction of state on publication or item produced by department or agency; inclusion of Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula; applicability of subsection (1) to publications.

Sec. 1. (1) Any illustration, image, or depiction of the state of Michigan on a publication or item produced by a department or agency of this state shall include both the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula of this state.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to all publications or items produced by this state on or after the effective date of this act for distribution to any member of the public, including, but not limited to, maps, forms, brochures, pamphlets, and commemorative items, and also applies to digital images made available over the internet by any state department or agency. Subsection (1) does not apply to a publication or item produced before the effective date of this act.

History: 2009, Act 147, Imd. Eff. Nov. 19, 2009.

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MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, AND WISCONSIN BOUNDARIES
Act 267 of 1947

AN ACT defining the boundaries between Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, adopting an interstate compact in relation thereto and directing the governor to execute and witness the compact in the name of the state, and to appropriate moneys therefor.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.201 Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan interstate boundary compact; boundaries.

Sec. 1. The following compact is hereby ratified and approved:

A COMPACT

Entered into by and between the state of Minnesota, the state of Wisconsin and the state of Michigan, state signatories hereto.

The contracting states solemnly agree:

That the boundary between the state of Michigan and the state of Wisconsin in the center of lake Michigan be and it hereby is finally fixed and established as the line marked A-B-C-D-E-F-G on the map, which line is more particularly described as follows:

Starting at Point A, a point equidistant from either shore on the line which is the eastward continuation of the boundary line between Wisconsin and Illinois or latitude 42° 29' 37" north;

Thence to Point B, a point equidistant from either shore on the line drawn through the Port Washington fog signal and storm signal and the White lake storm signal, on a true azimuth of 354° 12' 00", a distance of 61.55 statute miles;

Thence to Point C, a point equidistant from either shore on a line drawn through the Sheboygan coast guard storm signal, fog signal, radio beacon and Little Sable Point light, on a true azimuth of 03° 01' 15", a distance of 22.18 statute miles;

Thence to Point D, a point equidistant from either shore on a line drawn through the Twin River Point light and fog signal and Big Sable fog and light signal, on a true azimuth of 10° 04' 30", a distance of 30.33 statute miles;

Thence to Point E, a point equidistant from either shore on a line from Bailey's Harbor inland light and Point Betsie fog signal, radio beacon, and distance finding station, on a true azimuth of 17° 09' 55", a distance of 54.20 statute miles;

Thence to Point F, a point equidistant from either shore on a line drawn through the Pilot Island light and fog signal and Sleeping Bear Point light, on a true azimuth of 33° 29' 10", a distance of 17.24 statute miles;

Thence to Point G, the point determined by the United States supreme court decree of March 12, 1936, which is a point 45,600 meters from the center of Rock Island passage on a bearing of south 60° east, on a true azimuth of 49° 34' 10", a distance of 15.66 statute miles.

The latitude and longitude of the named control points is as follows:

Point A:	Latitude	42°29'37"	Point E:	Latitude	44°52'50"
	Longitude	87°01'15"		Longitude	86°41'10"
Point B:	Latitude	43°22'50"	Point F:	Latitude	45°05'20"
	Longitude	87°08'50"		Longitude	86°29'30"
Point C:	Latitude	43°42'00"	Point G:	Latitude	45°14'10"
	Longitude	87°07'20"		Longitude	86°14'55"
Point D:	Latitude	44°07'55"			
	Longitude	87°00'45"			

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.201.

2.202 Boundaries in Lake Superior.

Sec. 2. That the western boundary of the state of Michigan in the waters of lake Superior and the eastern boundary in the waters of lake Superior of the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin be and it hereby is finally fixed and established as the line marked M-N on the map, which line is more particularly described as follows:

Starting at Point M, the point where the line through the middle of the main channel of the Montreal river enters lake Superior;

Thence in a direct line to Point N, the point where a line drawn through the most easterly point of Pigeon Point and the most southerly point of Pine Point intersects the international boundary, on a true azimuth of

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23° 27' 24", a distance of 108.86 statute miles.

The latitude and longitude of the named control points is:

Point M:	Latitude	46°34'05"	Point N:	Latitude	48°00'50"
	Longitude	90°25'05"		Longitude	89°29'00"

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.202.

2.203 Measurements of azimuths.

Sec. 3. All azimuths are measured clockwise from true north.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.203.

2.204 Effective date, ratification.

Sec. 4. That this compact shall become operative immediately upon its ratification by any state as between it and the other state or states so ratifying. Ratification shall be made by act of the legislature of the ratifying state.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.204.

2.205 Joint survey commission; surveying and marking, expenses.

Sec. 5. That immediately upon ratification of this compact by all 3 states, each state will appoint 2 members to a joint survey commission to survey and mark the boundaries defined in this compact by establishing and perpetuating monuments at the reference points on shore by means of which the control points of said boundaries are located. The expense of marking the lake Michigan boundary shall be borne jointly by the states of Michigan and Wisconsin; and the expense of marking the boundary line described in section 2 above shall be borne equally by the states of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. The expense of marking the lake Superior and Superior bay boundary between Minnesota and Wisconsin shall be borne jointly by the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.205.

2.206 Maps, duplicates.

Sec. 6. The maps referred to in the above compact are the original maps on file with the report of the representatives of the Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin boundary conference in the office of the secretary of state of Wisconsin, duplicates of which original maps shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the state of Michigan by the state geologist.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.206.

2.207 Governor to execute final draft and affix seal.

Sec. 7. The governor of Michigan is authorized and directed to witness the ratification of this compact by executing the final draft thereof in his own name and on behalf of the state of Michigan and affixing the seal of the state of Michigan.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.207.

2.208 Appropriation.

Sec. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 to the governor for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of $2,000.00.

History: 1947, Act 267, Eff. Oct. 11, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.208.

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WISCONSIN - MICHIGAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION
Act 282 of 1927

AN ACT to create a commission to act in co-operation with the attorney general and with any like commission or officials of the state of Wisconsin to designate and mark the overland boundary between the states of Wisconsin and Michigan, and to make an appropriation therefor.

History: 1927, Act 282, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1927.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.221 Wisconsin - Michigan boundary commission; creation.

Sec. 1. There is hereby created a special commission consisting of 3 members to be appointed by the governor, which commission shall, in co-operation with the attorney general of this state and with any similar commission or proper officers of the state of Wisconsin, proceed to designate and mark the overland boundary between the state of Michigan and the state of Wisconsin in accordance with the order and decree of the supreme court of the United States entered November twenty-second, 1926.

History: 1927, Act 282, Imd. Eff. May 31, 1927;—CL 1929, 424;—CL 1948, 2.221.

Compiler's note: Long acquiescence by one state in the possession of territory by another and in the exercise of sovereignty and dominion over it is conclusive of the latter's title and rightful authority. Michigan v. Wisconsin, 270 U.S. 295, 46 S. Ct. 290. Possession of part of territory under claim to whole and color of title extends state's possession to entire tract in absence of actual adverse possession. Michigan v. Wisconsin, supra.

Act 15 of 1919 (Ex. Sess.) as amended by Act 276 of 1921 and Act 30 of 1921 (1st Ex. Sess.) created the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary commission to cooperate with a like commission of Wisconsin to investigate and fully establish a permanent boundary line between the two states.

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OHIO AND MICHIGAN BOUNDARY LINE
J.R. 6 of 1917

A JOINT RESOLUTION with reference to the re-location and permanent monumenting of the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan.

2.301 Ohio - Michigan boundary line; adoption.

Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the state of Michigan, that

Whereas, The eighty-first general assembly of Ohio in house bill 701 passed May twenty-seventh, 1915, and the forty-eighth Legislature of Michigan by Act 84 of Public Acts of 1915, provided for a joint re-location and permanent monumenting of the line between Ohio and Michigan, and

Whereas, This work has been duly executed by the proper officers of both states as evidenced by their report dated July first, 1916, to the governing authorities of both states, therefore be it

Resolved, That the said boundary line as re-located and monumented under authority of the acts above cited be adopted as the true boundary, and that the work of the commissioners and their above mentioned report be adopted as final.

History: 1917, J.R. 6, Eff. Aug. 10, 1917;—CL 1929, 423;—CL 1948, 2.301.

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OHIO AND MICHIGAN BOUNDARY LINE
S.C.R. 15 of 1945

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relative to the boundary line between the two states of Ohio and Michigan in Lake Erie.

2.321 Ohio - Michigan boundary line; Lake Erie.

Whereas, Uncertainty has existed concerning the boundary between the states of Ohio and Michigan in Lake Erie, due to the omission of this portion of the boundary on some maps and its incorrect position on others; and

Whereas, The easterly terminal monument of the Ohio-Michigan land-boundary line set in 1817 by Andrew Harris has disappeared, due to the washing away of North Cape at the place where the monument originally stood; and

Whereas, The earliest United States lake survey charts of the region show that the aforesaid terminal monument was at or near the intersection of the land-line between the two states and a line drawn south forty-five degrees west (S 45° W) through the center of Turtle island which is located at latitude 41° 45' 08.8" and longitude 83° 23' 28.8" according to primary triangulation of the United States lake survey published in 1882; and

Whereas, The center part of the island was preserved by a circular concrete sea wall about 190 feet in diameter by the U.S. lighthouse service, which wall is still standing; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the boundary line between the states of Ohio and Michigan in Lake Erie shall be a line passing through the center of the aforesaid circular wall and bearing south forty-five degrees west (S 45° W) therefrom until it shall intersect the land-line between the two states as marked and monumented by them in 1915; and that from the aforesaid center of the circular wall the boundary in Lake Erie shall extend north forty-five degrees east (N 45° E) until it shall intersect the international boundary between the United States and Canada, it being understood that all bearings herein referred to shall be measured from a true meridian through the center of the aforesaid circular wall on Turtle island.

History: 1945, S.C.R. 15, Eff. Mar. 26, 1945;—CL 1948, 2.321.

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OHIO AND MICHIGAN BOUNDARY LINE
H.C.R. 38 of 1947

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relative to the boundary line between the states of Ohio and Michigan in Lake Erie.

2.341 Ohio - Michigan boundary line; Lake Erie.

Whereas, In the 1945 regular session of the legislature of Michigan adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15 relative to the boundary line between the two states of Ohio and Michigan in Lake Erie; and

Whereas, Said concurrent resolution was presented to the legislature as a part of a proposal to determine the area of the entire state by inclusion of water areas within the total and without any other significance; and

Whereas, Upon subsequent investigation it became apparent that an area of about 70 square miles in Lake Erie was involved in the matter then presented and some question as to the jurisdiction over said water existed between the state of Ohio and the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The particular area in question became a matter of dispute because of early surveys and maps purporting to determine the boundary line between the states in Lake Erie and showing for a great many years that the said boundary ran from a terminus in Lake Erie from a non-existent boundary marker, which was formerly Grassy Point, to a turning point in the international boundary line between the United States and Canada, said line being at an angle more acute than 45 degrees; and

Whereas, The state of Ohio, by a concurrent resolution adopted several years ago attempted to resolve the stated uncertainty concerning the boundary line by adopting a point on Turtle Island in Lake Erie as a basis for a line at 45° to intersect the land boundary line between the states and to intersect the International boundary line thereby conforming more closely to the language of the original and enabling acts and the constitutional provisions regarding the boundary line between the two states; and

Whereas, It is apparent that for many years the state of Michigan has exercised jurisdiction over the area in question and may have established by adverse possession and by consent and acquiescence of the state of Ohio a good title thereto; and

Whereas, Since the action of the two legislatures by concurrent resolution is not sufficient in the law governing the relationship of States to convey title or change boundary lines, no settlement of any such dispute can be reached by such method; and

Whereas, If a settlement is to be reached it will, of necessity, require statutory enactment by the two states and should be the subject matter of an investigation by a joint boundary commission; now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the State of Michigan nor any rights of said state concerning the boundary line in Lake Erie between the state of Ohio and the state of Michigan were not affected by the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15 of the 1945 session of the Michigan legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That insofar as said concurrent resolution No. 15 may in any manner be interpreted as determinative of the position of the state of Michigan with regard to the said boundary in Lake Erie, said concurrent resolution is hereby rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor of the state of Michigan is hereby requested to confer with the Governor of the state of Ohio concerning the subject matter hereof with a view to requesting the legislatures to establish a boundary commission to investigate and to report to the legislatures the rights of the respective states within Lake Erie; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this concurrent resolution be sent to the Governor of this state.

History: 1947, H.C.R. 38, Eff. May 20, 1947;—CL 1948, 2.341.

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STATE FOSSIL
Act 162 of 2002

AN ACT to designate an official fossil of this state.

History: 2002, Act 162, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 2002.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.401 Official state fossil.

Sec. 1. The mastodon (Mammut americanum) is designated as the official fossil of this state.

History: 2002, Act 162, Imd. Eff. Apr. 8, 2002.

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OFFICIAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF STATE
Act 319 of 2002

AN ACT to designate an official historical society of this state.

History: 2002, Act 319, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.411 Official historical society of state.

Sec. 1. The historical society of Michigan is designated the official historical society of this state.

History: 2002, Act 319, Imd. Eff. May 23, 2002.

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AMERICAN HEROES WEEK
Act 112 of 2003

AN ACT to establish American heroes week in the state of Michigan.

History: 2003, Act 112, Imd. Eff. July 24, 2003.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.421 American heroes week.

Sec. 1. The legislature declares that the calendar week in which September 11 falls each year is American heroes week in this state and encourages academic institutions to educate and inspire children about local heroes and role models.

History: 2003, Act 112, Imd. Eff. July 24, 2003.

2.422 Declaration.

Sec. 2. (1) The legislature recognizes that on September 11, 2001 and the days that followed, many ordinary Americans showed true heroism by their acts of selflessness, compassion, dedication, courage, and integrity.

(2) The legislature declares that American heroes week is a fitting tribute to the many individuals who displayed extraordinary altruism, compassion, courage, integrity, dedication, and selflessness during and after the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

(3) The legislature declares that American heroes week is a fitting tribute to the many individuals who display extraordinary altruism, compassion, courage, integrity, dedication, and selflessness in their daily work, behavior, and accomplishments.

History: 2003, Act 112, Imd. Eff. July 24, 2003.

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