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SENATE BILL No. 1229

March 20, 2008, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to create the office of state poet laureate in the executive branch; to provide for the appointment and term of certain state officers; and to impose duties and responsibilities on certain state officers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 1. (1) The office of state poet laureate is created within the department of history, arts, and libraries.
 - (2) The governor may appoint the state poet laureate for a term not to exceed the governor's term. The state poet laureate shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and is exempt from the classified state civil service. The state poet laureate shall be a resident of this state.
 - (3) The state poet laureate shall serve without compensation.

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- 1 However, the state poet laureate may be reimbursed for his or her
- 2 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or
- 3 her duties as assigned by the governor.