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PREFACE

The *Michigan Manual* is published biennially by the Legislative Service Bureau, under the direction of the Legislative Council, pursuant to Act 44 of 1899, as amended, being MCL §24.1 et seq. of the *Michigan Compiled Laws*.

The 2011-2012 *Michigan Manual* is the second that emphasizes on-line sources of information. As in 2009-2010, this edition acknowledges the transformational changes that have occurred in the manner in which citizens access and use information. This *Michigan Manual* is presented in two versions. The web version, available from the "Publications" link of the web site of the Michigan Legislature (legislature.mi.gov), provides access to up-to-date information. The printed version of the book includes the historical data that is a hallmark of this publication, but it includes less resource material than earlier editions of the book. Elections results that are readily available through the Secretary of State's Election Bureau for example, are accessible through links in the on-line version. The shorter printed version is also an expression of the realities of economics that are facing government at all levels.

It is our hope that the two versions will accommodate the dual purposes of serving as a current resource and providing historic information not easily found elsewhere.

The presentation of live links to departments, the courts, universities, and local units of government offers advantages over a static print publication. This greatly expands the volume, quality, timeliness, and accessibility of information.

The *Michigan Manual* will continue to evolve. If you have comments or suggestions for improvements, please use the email address below to communicate them.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Compiling information on government, public institutions, elections, and officials in the *Michigan Manual* is a tradition as old as Michigan itself, dating back to the Michigan Territory's organization as a state and the formation of the first constitution in 1835. First published in 1836 as a manual entitled *Legislative Manual* of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, the Michigan Manual has evolved, over the last 170 years, into one of the most important sources of information on this state and its historical, political, and cultural background.

Originally developed as an information handbook for members of the Michigan Legislature, the early manuals included such legislative data as the rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, joint rules, membership lists, and orders of business. The first manual to provide information not strictly related to the conduct of legislative business was published in 1839. That book included data on banking associations and bank returns, judicial circuits, miscellaneous incorporations, the state militia, and tolls on the Central Railroad. With each subsequent edition, the amount of nonlegislative information increased, reflecting the needs of the legislature and the new state government for readily available data.

Act 263 of 1879 first specified the contents of the *Michigan Manual*. It required that legislative material and other information which had previously been published only sporadically be included in the publication. Since that time, the basic contents of the manual have remained relatively unchanged.

Commonly called the "Red Book" (which has been the color of its cover since the 1836 publication), the manual has undergone several changes in both its title and publisher. From 1836 through 1883, the title retained, in one form or another, its reference as a manual for the use of the Michigan Legislature. Act 263 of 1879, the first legislation to mandate publication of the handbook, specifically authorized the Secretary of State to prepare and publish a biennial legislative manual. Recognition in its title of the manual's value and scope as a reference work came in 1885, with the title's change to *Official Directory and Legislative Manual of the State of Michigan*. The Law, Documents and Reports Act, Act 44 of 1899, made that title (which was retained through the 1957 edition) official. Act 161 of 1958 renamed the handbook the *Michigan Manual*. Printed yearly from 1836 to 1851, the manual has been published on a biennial basis since the adoption of the Constitution of 1850. The Michigan Legislature, by authority or resolution, published the document from 1836 to 1879. Act 263 of 1879 transferred publication authority to the Secretary of State, where it remained from 1881 to 1967. The Department of Administration and its successor agency, the Department of Management and Budget, maintained responsibility for compiling and publishing the manual from 1969 to 1987.

On June 22, 1988, the legislature enacted, and the governor approved, legislation (Act 185 of 1988) that returned responsibility for producing the *Michigan Manual* to the legislature. Since that time, the Legislative Service Bureau, under the direction of the Legislative Council, has published the book. From 1989 until 2004, Roger W. Peters served as editor. Beginning with the 2009-2010 edition, the book is presented in an on-line format that features links to additional information.

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