

**LAND SALES ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 286 of 1972**

**565.823 Investigations; statements; oaths or affirmations; subpoenas; order compelling compliance; proceedings.**

Sec. 23. (1) The department may:

(a) Make necessary public or private investigations within or outside of this state to determine whether any person has violated or is about to violate this act or any rule or order hereunder or to aid in the enforcement of this act or in the prescribing of rules and forms hereunder.

(b) Require or permit any person to file a statement in writing, under oath or otherwise as the department determines, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning the matter to be investigated.

(2) For the purpose of any investigation or proceeding under this act, the department or any officer designated by rule may administer oaths or affirmations, and upon its own motion or upon request of any party may subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any matter which is relevant to the investigation, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any books, documents or other tangible things and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, or any other matter reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of material evidence.

(3) Upon failure to obey a subpoena or to answer questions propounded by the investigating officer and upon reasonable notice to all persons affected thereby, the department may apply to the circuit court of Ingham county for an order compelling compliance.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this act, all proceedings under this act shall be in accordance with Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended.

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