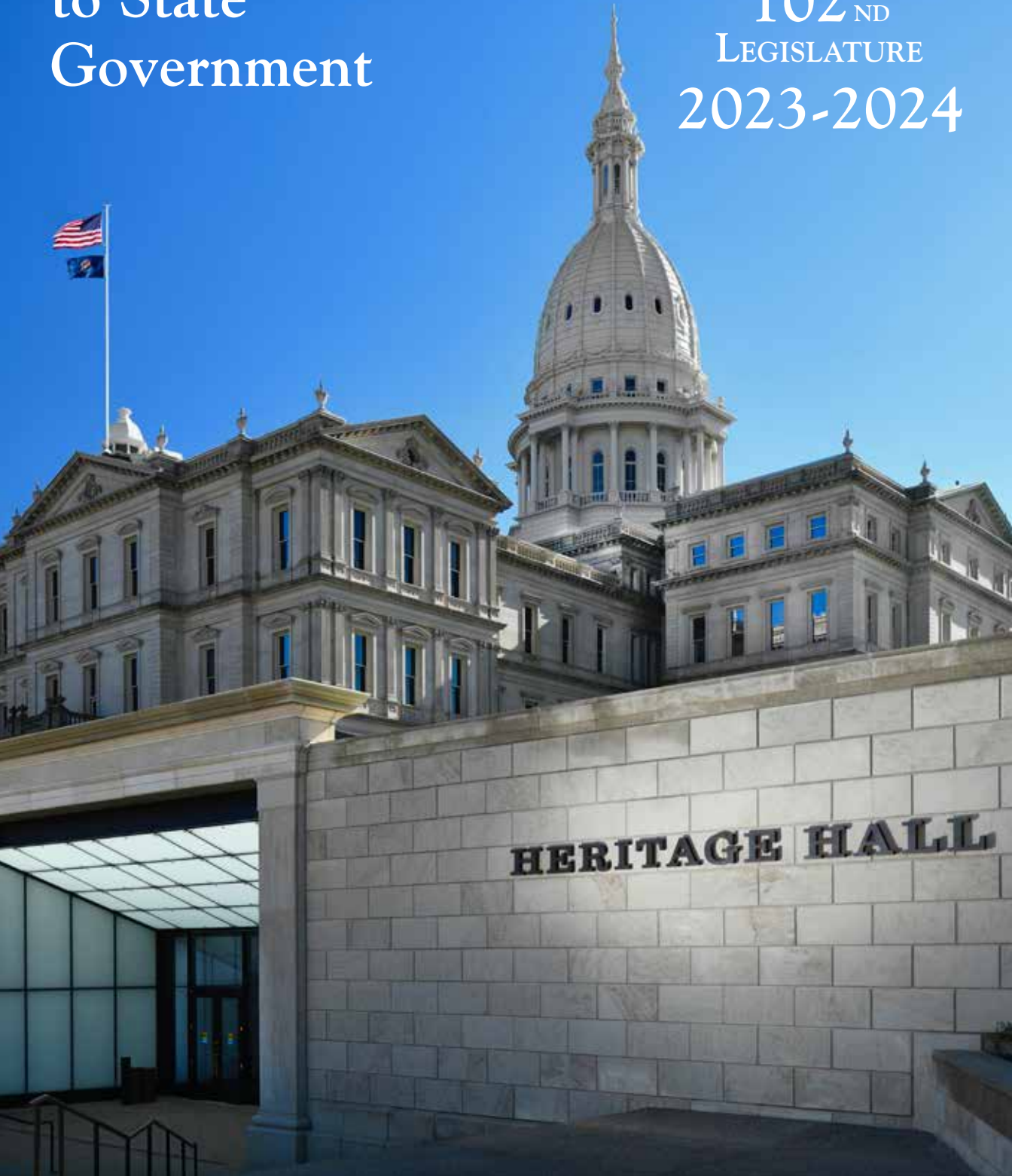


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In many cases, communication between the public and their elected leaders is limited by citizens' uncertainty about the way government operates or the most effective means of sharing information with their representatives. Knowing who is responsible for public policy and how to contact them is important for anyone who wants to influence the process.

The intent of this Citizen's Guide is to provide the public with some of the specific information that is necessary to influence public policy. This guide contains an overview of state government, contact information for state departments and state and federal lawmakers, information about how the lawmaking process works in Michigan, and guidance about how to ensure your message reaches policymakers in the most constructive way.

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Citizen participation is an essential component of any democratic government. In order to be representatives of the people, legislators need input and feedback from the people they represent on important issues.

Many people never have any contact with those who represent them in government despite the significant effects that the decisions of elected officials have on their lives. As a citizen, *you* can help produce good legislation on the state and national levels by communicating with your elected representatives at the proper time.

Is There a Bill or an Issue of Particular Concern to You? Contact Your Legislators!

Legislators have to make decisions on hundreds of different issues each session. Legislators are very interested in what the public has to say because it helps them learn about issues and understand the needs of the people of the state. Given their busy schedules, legislators may not always have time for one on one meetings, but there are many effective ways to communicate with your elected representatives. Phone calls, letters, e-mails, and social media can be highly effective tools.

A thoughtful, factual, and timely call, letter, e-mail, or social media post shared with a legislator can provide legislators important information they need to make decisions about the issues important to the people of their district. If you are interested in becoming actively involved in influencing legislation, here are some important points that will make your efforts more effective:

Personal Contacts

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

1. Familiarize yourself with the situation. Before contacting any legislators, take the time to familiarize yourself with the background material on the bill or issue which concerns you. While you don't need to know everything, the more information you have, the easier it will be for you to explain your concerns to your legislators and understand their response.
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.)

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 as this will provide for a more productive meeting. If you cannot get an appointment, or if the matter is too urgent to wait for an appointment, you can go to the office anyway. Even without an appointment, you may be able to talk to a member of the legislator's staff and make them aware of your concern.

3. Share expert knowledge. If you have genuine expert knowledge, share it with the legislator. Legislators are not experts on every issue, and your direct expertise may be of great assistance to the policy making process.
4. Be constructive. While there are some instances in which you may simply want to express your support or opposition to legislation, if there are specific issues with a bill that you would like to see remedied, it is very helpful to identify what changes you would like to see. Legislators often have to make decisions based on feedback from many different people and groups. If you make clear, specific suggestions, it is easier for legislators to address your concerns.
5. Don't worry about the size of your group. You do not need a crowd to lobby. A small number of well-informed people on the subject are often more effective than a large group gathered at the same time.
6. Introduce yourself. When you introduce yourself, make it clear who you are and what organization, if any, you are working with. Legislators meet and communicate with many different people and groups, so understanding your interest in the issue and how it compares to other people they have spoken to is very useful.

7. Keep it simple. Legislators have busy schedules and appreciate well-prepared and straightforward conversations. Elaborate or long-winded presentations may detract from your message and reduce the effectiveness of your meeting.
8. Put it in writing. If possible, write out your position and/or suggested changes and leave copies with the legislator.
9. Anticipate disagreement. Your legislators may not agree with you on every issue and may explain why they disagree. You may be able to change their mind by presenting new information or perspectives, but they will benefit from hearing your views regardless of whether they agree.
10. Listen. Let legislators explain their views. Listen without interrupting. Legislators may be able to share information from resources which you may not have access, such as fiscal agencies, state departments, or other groups with expertise on the issue. Taking notes about their questions or concerns may be useful, as it will allow you follow up with further information in the future.
11. Be patient. Give your legislator a fair chance to examine all sides of an issue. Legislators receive a lot of information from different sources about complex issues and may not be ready to commit to taking a particular position or action after meeting with you because they may want to study the issue further.

Letter Writing and E-Mail

A personal letter or message via e-mail or social media is often the most effective way of contacting your legislator, whether in Lansing or Washington, DC. Consult the Congressional (p. 4), House (p. 31), and Senate (p. 53) directories in this guide to find the addresses of Michigan legislators. Many offices prefer e-mail.

Here are some suggestions on how your messages 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

Dear Senator (last name):

STATE SENATOR

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

Dear Senator (last name):

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

The Honorable (full name)
United States Representative
Address

Dear Representative (last name):

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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

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 your address shows you are someone they represent.
3. Use your own words. While form letters and petitions are easier, letters written by individuals stand out. Legislators often receive many duplicate communications and a message that is distinct will likely be read more closely. One thoughtful, factual, and well-reasoned message may carry more weight than 100 form letters or printed postcards. 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).
4. Time the arrival of your message. Try to write to your legislator, and/or 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 the bill by the popular title of the act it is amending with details about what changes you would support or oppose.

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. Have reasonable expectations. You may not always receive a long, detailed response. Legislators are very busy and usually cannot respond with long, personal replies to each correspondent.
10. Write to express appreciation when you feel a legislator has done a good job. Providing feedback to legislators after the fact provides insight into the views of their constituents and can shape their actions in the future.

On any one issue, even a few messages 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. (Information on testifying is included in the section on "Committees.") 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: 1-20-2025
JOE BIDEN (D—Delaware)
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20500

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

(4-year term) Term Ends: 1-20-2025
KAMALA HARRIS (D—California)
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Contacting the White House:

The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500
 Comments (202) 456-1111 • Switchboard (202) 456-1414 • Fax (202) 456-2461
 TTY/TDD Comments (202) 456-6213 • TTY/TDD Visitors Office (202) 456-2121 • comments@whitehouse.gov
<https://whitehouse.gov/contact>

118TH CONGRESS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES

(2-year term, all expire on 1-3-2025)
 (7 Democrats, 6 Republicans)



JACK BERGMAN (R—Watersmeet, District 1)
 566 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://bergman.house.gov>
 (202) 225-4735

DISTRICT OFFICES:

#1 1396 Douglas Drive, Suite 22B, Traverse City, MI 49696	(231) 944-7633
#2 K.I. Sawyer 125 G Avenue, Suite B, Gwinn, MI 49841	(906) 273-2227
#3 7676 W County Road 442, Suite B, Manistique, MI 49854	(906) 286-4191



JOHN MOOLENAAR (R—Midland, District 2)
 246 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://moolenaar.house.gov>
 (202) 225-3561 Fax (202) 225-9679

DISTRICT OFFICE:

431 North McEwan Street, Clare, MI 48617	(989) 802-6040
	Fax (989) 418-5030



HILLARY SCHOLTEN (D—Grand Rapids, District 3)
1317 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://scholten.house.gov>
(202) 225-3831

DISTRICT OFFICE:

110 Michigan Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(616) 451-8383



BILL HUIZENGA (R—Zeeland, District 4)
2232 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://huizenga.house.gov>
(202) 225-4401 Fax (202) 226-0779

DISTRICT OFFICE:

170 College Avenue, Suite 160, Holland, MI 49423

(616) 251-6741
Fax (616) 329-1801



TIM WALBERG (R—Tipton, District 5)
2266 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://walberg.house.gov>
(202) 225-6276 Fax (202) 225-6281

DISTRICT OFFICE:

401 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

(517) 780-9075
Fax (517) 780-9081



DEBBIE DINGELL (D—Ann Arbor, District 6)
102 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://debbiedingell.house.gov>
(202) 225-4071

DISTRICT OFFICES:

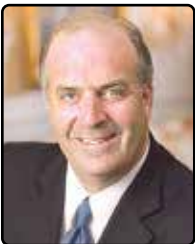
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|---|----------------|
| #1 Woodhaven City Hall, 21869 West Road, Woodhaven, MI 48183..... | (313) 278-2936 |
| #2 2006 Hogback Road, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48105..... | (734) 481-1100 |



ELISSA SLOTKIN (D—Holly, District 7)
2245 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://slotkin.house.gov>
(202) 225-4872

DISTRICT OFFICE:

315 W. Allegan Street, Suite 207, Lansing, MI 48933.....	(517) 993-0510
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DANIEL KILDEE (D—Flint, District 8)
200 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://dankildee.house.gov>
(202) 225-3611 Fax (202) 225-6393

DISTRICT OFFICE:

601 South Saginaw Street, Suite 403, Flint, MI 48502.....	(810) 238-8627 Fax (810) 238-8658
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LISA McCLAIN (R–Romeo, District 9)
444 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://mcclain.house.gov>
(202) 225-2106 Fax (202) 226-1169

DISTRICT OFFICE:
30 N. Broadway Street, Lake Orion, MI 48362..... (586) 697-9300



JOHN JAMES (R–St. Clair Shores, District 10)
1319 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://james.house.gov>
(202) 225-4961

DISTRICT OFFICE:
30500 Van Dyke Avenue, Suite 306, Warren, MI 48093..... (586) 498-7122



HALEY STEVENS (D–Birmingham, District 11)
2411 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://stevens.house.gov>
(202) 225-8171

DISTRICT OFFICE:
30500 Northwestern Highway, Suite 525, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (734) 853-3040



RASHIDA TLAIB (D–Detroit, District 12)
2438 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://tlaib.house.gov>
(202) 225-5126

DISTRICT OFFICES:

- #1 7800 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48235..... (313) 463-6220
- #2 26080 Berg Road, Southfield, MI 48033
- #3 26215 Trowbridge Street, Inkster, MI 48141..... (313) 463-6220



SHRI THANEDAR (D–Detroit, District 13)
1039 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
<https://thanedar.house.gov>
(202) 225-5802 Fax (202) 225-5739

DISTRICT OFFICE:

- 400 Monroe Street, Suite 420, Detroit, MI 48226..... (313) 880-2400

118TH CONGRESS
UNITED STATES SENATORS

(6-year term, overlapping)



DEBBIE STABENOW (D–Lansing)
 731 Hart Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510
 Phone: (202) 224-4822
<https://stabenow.senate.gov>
 Term Ends: 1-3-2025

DISTRICT OFFICES:	
#1 719 Griswold Street, Suite 700, Detroit, MI 48226.....	(313) 961-4330
#2 221 W. Lake Lansing Road, Suite 100, East Lansing, MI 48823	(517) 203-1760
#3 432 N. Saginaw Street, Suite 301, Flint, MI 48502.....	(810) 720-4172
#4 1025 Spaulding Avenue, SE, Suite C, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.....	(616) 975-0052
#5 1901 W. Ridge, Suite 7, Marquette, MI 49855	(906) 228-8756
#6 3335 S. Airport Road West, Suite 6B, Traverse City, MI 49684.....	(231) 929-1031



GARY PETERS (D–Bloomfield Township)
 724 Hart Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510
 Phone: (202) 224-6221
<https://peters.senate.gov>
 Term Ends: 1-3-2027

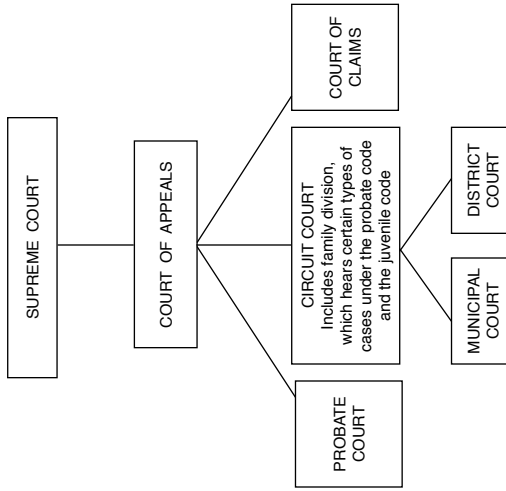
DISTRICT OFFICES:	
#1 477 Michigan Avenue, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, Suite 1837, Detroit, MI 48226.....	(313) 226-6020
.....	Toll-Free (844) 506-7420
#2 124 W. Allegan Street, Suite 1400, Lansing, MI 48933	(517) 377-1508
#3 110 Michigan Street NW, Gerald R. Ford Federal Building, Suite 720, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.....	(616) 233-9150
#4 51111 Woodward Avenue, Suite 725, Pontiac, MI 48342	(248) 608-8040
#5 515 North Washington Avenue, Suite 401, Saginaw, MI 48607	(989) 754-0112
#6 109 E. Front Street, Suite 215B, Traverse City, MI 49684.....	(231) 947-7773
#7 857 W. Washington Street, Suite 308, Marquette, MI 49855	(906) 226-4554



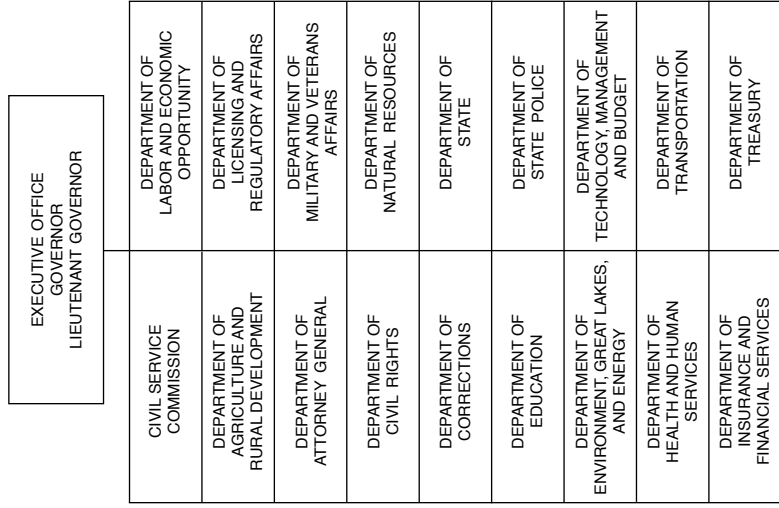
**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
METROPOLITAN DETROIT AREA
Wayne/Oakland/Macomb Counties**

THE THREE BRANCHES OF MICHIGAN STATE GOVERNMENT

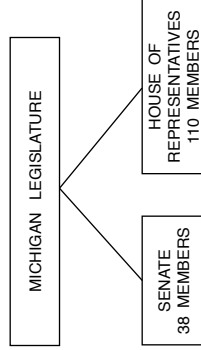
JUDICIAL BRANCH



EXECUTIVE BRANCH



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS REPRESENTING YOU AT THE STATE LEVEL

Michigan voters elect numerous executive branch officials statewide – the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and members of the State Board of Education. 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.



GOVERNOR
GRETCHEN WHITMER
 (D – Lansing)
 Term Ends: 1-1-2027
 George W. Romney Building
 P.O. Box 30013
 Lansing, MI 48909
 (517) 373-3400



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
GARLIN GILCHRIST II
 (D – Detroit)
 Term Ends: 1-1-2027
 George W. Romney Building
 P.O. Box 30013
 Lansing, MI 48909
 (517) 373-6800



SECRETARY OF STATE
JOCELYN BENSON
 (D – Detroit)
 Term Ends: 1-1-2027
 Richard H. Austin Building
 P.O. Box 30204
 Lansing, MI 48909
 (517) 373-2540



ATTORNEY GENERAL
DANA NESSEL
 (D – Plymouth)
 Term Ends: 1-1-2027
 G. Mennen Williams Building
 P.O. Box 30212
 Lansing, MI 48909
 (517) 335-7622

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

P.O. Box 30008
 Lansing, MI 48909
 (517) 241-7161

The eight members of the Michigan State Board of Education are elected at-large on the partisan statewide ballot for eight-year terms, with two members elected every two years in the general election.

- ELLEN COGEN LIPTON (D – Huntington Woods), Term Ends: 1-1-2029
- TOM McMILLIN (R – Oakland Township), Term Ends: 1-1-2025
- JUDITH PRITCHETT (D – Washington Township), Term Ends: 1-1-2027
- PAMELA PUGH (D – Saginaw), Term Ends: 1-1-2031
- NIKKI SNYDER (R – Dexter), Term Ends: 1-1-2025
- MARSHALL BULLOCK, II (D – Detroit), Term Ends: 1-1-2029
- TIFFANY TILLEY (D – Southfield), Term Ends: 1-1-2027
- DR. MITCHELL ROBINSON (D – Okemos), Term Ends: 1-1-2031
- GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER (ex-officio), Term Ends: 1-1-2027
- STATE SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL F. RICE (ex-officio), Chair

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.



ELIZABETH T. CLEMENT
(East Lansing)
Chief Justice
Term Ends: 1-1-2027



RICHARD BERNSTEIN
(Farmington Hills)
Term Ends: 1-1-2031



ELIZABETH M. WELCH
(Grand Rapids)
Term Ends: 1-1-2029



KYRA H. BOLDEN
(Southfield)
Term Ends: 1-1-2025



BRIAN K. ZAHRA
(Northville Township)
Term Ends: 1-1-2031



DAVID F. VIVIANO
(Sterling Heights)
Term Ends: 1-1-2025



MEGAN K. CAVANAGH
(Birmingham)
Term Ends: 1-1-2027



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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 legislators share an important trust and responsibility as expressed by one of the fundamental provisions of the *Constitution of the State of Michigan 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 each year at noon on the second Wednesday in January. Each annual session continues until the members agree to adjourn *sine die* (without day), which is to say, adjourn for the year. The bills and resolutions introduced during the first year of each two-year session carry over to the second year. Special sessions of the Legislature may be called by the Governor after the Legislature has otherwise adjourned for the year, but are limited to the consideration of subjects the Governor places before the Legislature.

The Legislature is redistricted 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. Every Michigan resident lives in a district represented by one state representative and one state senator.

Except for individuals with 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 chamber of the Legislature. However, a legislator can hold no other public office except notary public. Members of the Senate are elected to four-year terms and members of the House of Representatives are elected to two-year terms. State representatives are limited to three terms (six years) in the House of Representatives and state senators are limited to two terms (eight years) in the Michigan Senate.

The Legislature meets at the Capitol building which was formally opened on January 1, 1879. 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 sessions from the galleries overlooking the chambers which are located on the third floor.

House sessions are normally held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at noon. Senate sessions normally begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. However, either chamber may designate other days and times for convening. The Legislature meets throughout the year but does not hold sessions every week to allow for some extended periods of in-district work.

Daily session activity varies from day to day, but each house's leadership sets an agenda, and legislators conduct their business under a set of rules established at the beginning of the session. Legislation does not have to be on the original agenda to be considered. 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 regular sessions must be printed or reproduced and in the possession of each chamber 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 thousands of bills—hundreds of these usually become law. Proper consideration of bills involves many hours of work by legislators, staff, interested parties, and members of the public. The floor debate on a bill, seen by a visitor to the House or Senate gallery, is only one of the stages of the legislative process.

The people can enact 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 356,958* signatures of registered voters, is used to propose laws and to enact or reject laws.
- 2) The REFERENDUM petition, requiring 223,099* signatures of registered voters, is used to approve or reject laws enacted by the Legislature.
- 3) The CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, requiring 446,198* signatures of registered voters, is used to amend the state 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 (2022). 1) 8%; 2) 5%; 3) 10%.



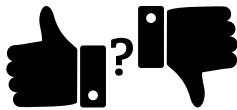
HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW



1. A legislator develops an idea for a new law or changes to an old one. They work with legislative staff to convert their idea into a bill.
2. A bill is introduced in either house of the Legislature.
3. The bill receives *First* and *Second Reading* in the Senate and *First Reading* in the House. (This is accomplished by reading the title of the bill only.) The bill is ordered to be printed.
4. In the Senate, the bill is referred to the proper committee by the Majority Leader and, in the House, by the Speaker of the House. Bills become available on the Legislature's website at this point.
5. Committee members consider legislation and the committee chair decides whether there will be a public hearing on the bill. If there is a public hearing, the bill sponsor, interested parties, and the public will have a chance to testify before the committee about the bill to urge passage, rejection, or to suggest changes. There may be multiple days of testimony if there is significant interest in the bill or if the subject is particularly complicated.



After considering a bill and hearing testimony, the committee may consider amendments to the bill or consider a different version of the bill, referred to as a *substitute* bill, and can choose to take a variety of actions. Typically, the committee will do one of the following:



- a) Take no action on the bill.
- b) Report the bill with a favorable recommendation.
- c) Report a substituted or amended version of the bill with a favorable recommendation.
- d) Report the bill with the recommendation that it be referred to another committee.

Taking no official action on the bill usually means that there is not enough support on the committee to move the legislation or that the members want to take more time to consider the issue or ponder further changes.

In both houses, a majority vote of the members serving on a committee is necessary to report a bill. If a committee does not report a bill, the bill can be forced out of committee by a *motion to discharge* from the chamber floor. A majority vote of the full chamber is required to move a bill from committee to the floor without the recommendation of the committee.

6. If the bill is reported from committee favorably with or without amendment or in the form of a substitute bill, the committee's report is printed in the House or Senate journal. After being reported favorably from committee, the bill and committee amendments (if any) are placed on *General Orders* in the Senate. In the House, the bill and amendments are referred to the order of *Second Reading*.



7. The Senate *resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole* and the House *assumes the order of Second Reading* to consider the standing committee recommendations on a bill. During this process, amendments to the bill may be offered by any member. In the Senate, a simple majority of members present and voting may recommend adoption of amendments to the bill and recommend that a bill be *advanced to Third Reading*. In the House, amendments may be adopted by a majority serving, and a majority voting may *advance the bill to Third Reading*.

8. *Third Reading* in both the House and Senate is when the bill's final passage is considered. The bill's title is read and members may offer further amendments. In both houses, amendments during *Third Reading* must be approved by a majority vote of members serving. Members may speak about their amendments or the entire bill during this time. In both the Senate and the House, debate may be cut off by a vote of a majority of the members present and voting. At the conclusion of *Third Reading*, the bill is either passed or defeated by a record roll call vote of the majority of the members elected and serving. A record roll call vote is one in which each member's vote is recorded and documented in the House or Senate journal. The state constitution requires that certain measures be approved by a two-thirds vote or, in some instances, a three-fourths vote.

Following either passage or defeat of a bill, a legislator may move for reconsideration of the bill. In the Senate, the motion for reconsideration must be made within the following two session days; in the House, the motion must be made within the next succeeding session day.

9. If the bill passes, it is sent to the other legislative chamber where the bill follows the procedure outlined in Steps 2-8, resulting in defeat or passage.

If the bill is passed by both houses in identical form, the bill is ordered *enrolled* by the house in which the bill originated. Upon enrollment, the bill is sent to the Governor.

However, if the bill is passed in a different form by the second house, the bill must be returned to the house of origin:

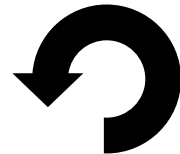
- a) If amendments or a substitute bill of the second house are accepted in the house of origin, the bill is enrolled and sent to the Governor.
- b) If amendments or a substitute proposal of the second house are rejected in the house of origin, there are generally two options. The bill can be sent to a conference committee—a special committee composed of legislators from both houses—or the houses can amend the bill and send it back and forth until both houses pass the bill in identical form. In a conference committee, the committee can consider only issues in the bill upon which there is disagreement between the two houses. The conference committee may reach a compromise and submit a report to both houses of the Legislature about the details of their agreement. Such a report is not subject to amendment. If the conference committee report is approved by both houses, the bill is enrolled and sent to the Governor. If the conference committee does not reach a compromise, or if the Legislature does not accept the conference committee report, a second conference committee may be appointed.

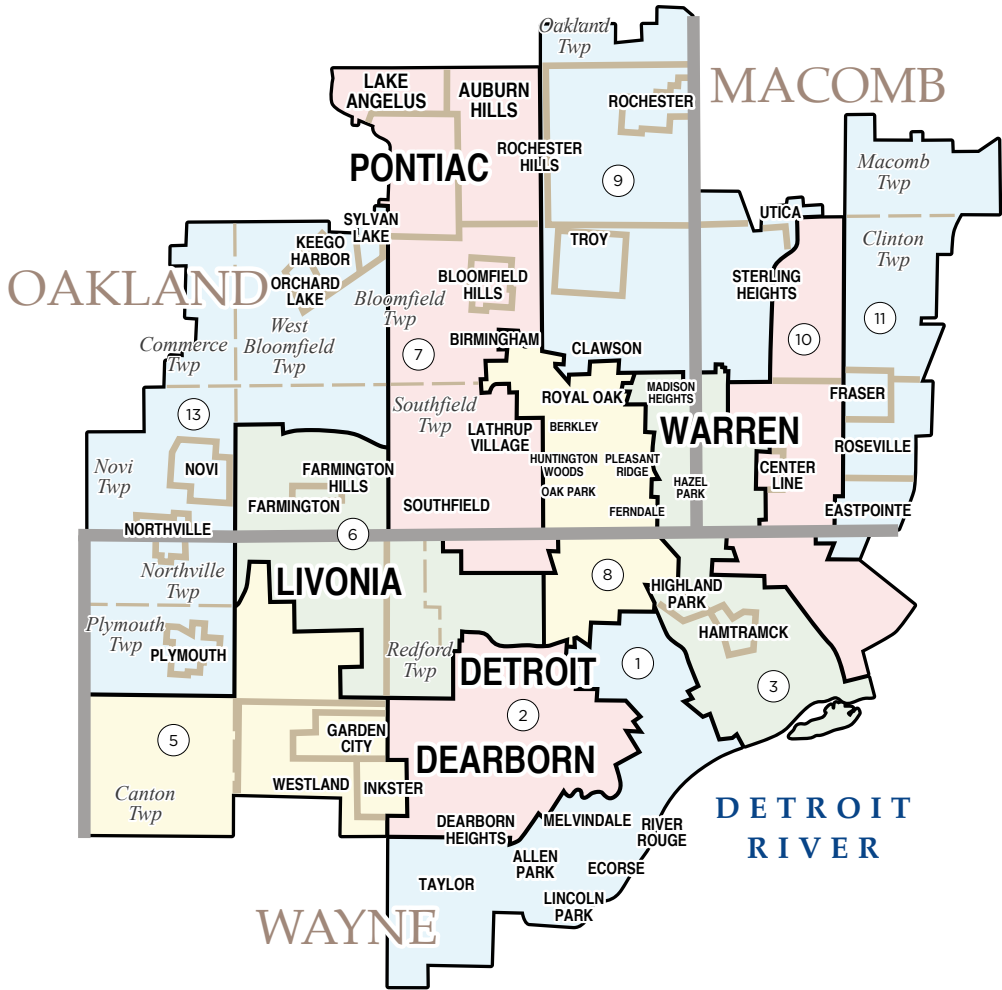
10. Upon receipt of an enrolled bill, the Governor has 14 days to consider the bill. The Governor may:

- a) Sign the bill into law. By default, bills signed into law take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns at the end of the year (known as *sine die*), or a date beyond the ninetieth day specified in the bill. However, a bill may be given immediate effect by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, allowing it to take effect upon the Governor's signature or another date specified in the bill.
- b) Veto the bill and return it to the house of origin with a message stating the Governor's objections.
- c) Choose not to sign or veto the bill. If the bill is neither signed nor vetoed, the bill becomes law 14 days after having reached the Governor's desk if the Legislature is in session or in recess. If the Legislature has adjourned *sine die* before the end of the 14 days, the unsigned bill does not become law.

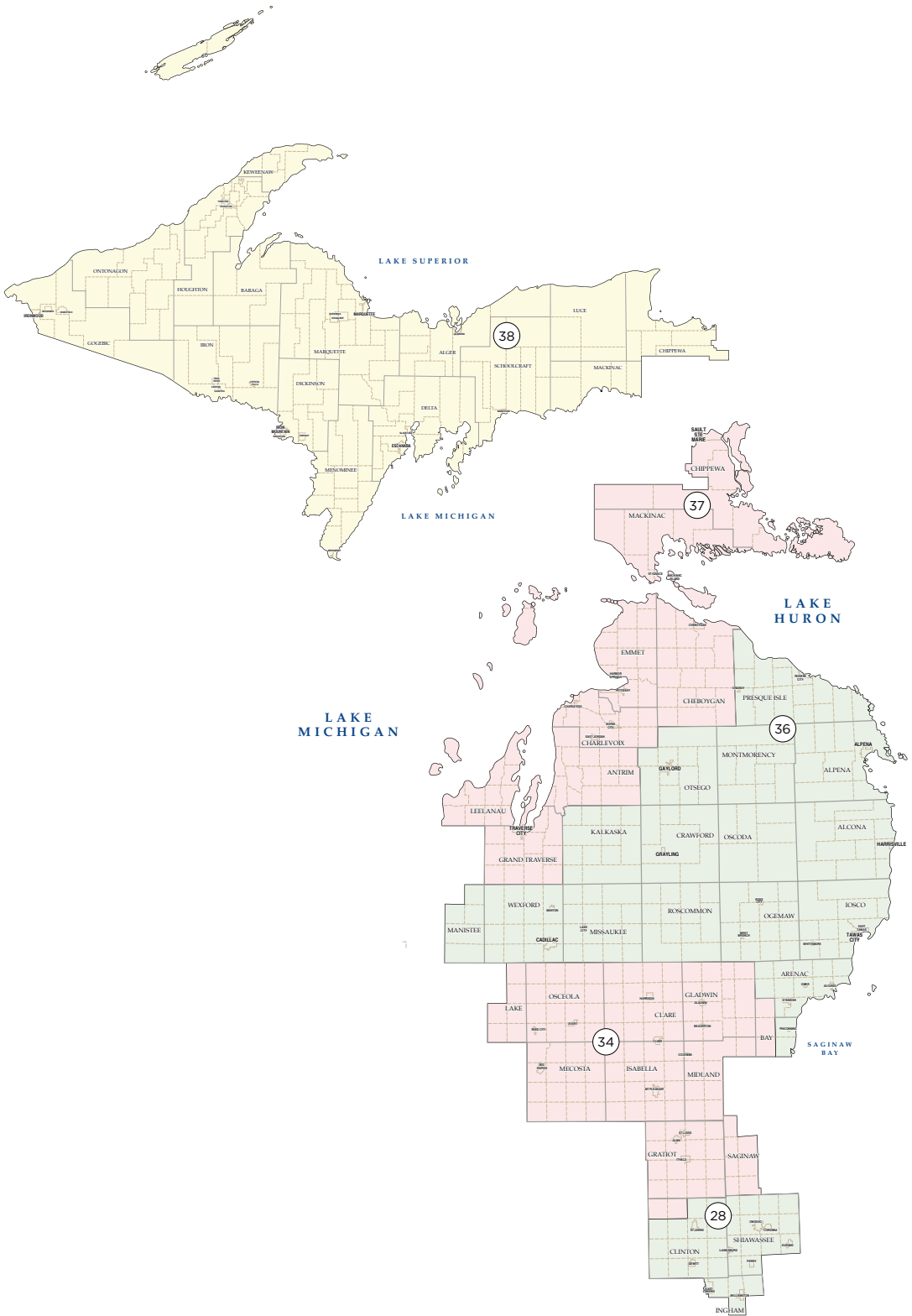
11. If the Governor vetoes a bill while the Legislature is in session or recess, one of the following actions may occur:

- a) The Legislature may override the veto by two-thirds vote of members elected and serving in each house, and the bill becomes law.
- b) The bill does not receive the necessary two-thirds vote in both house and the attempt to override the veto fails.





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5	Dayna Polehanki	D	2	24	Ruth A. Johnson	R	2
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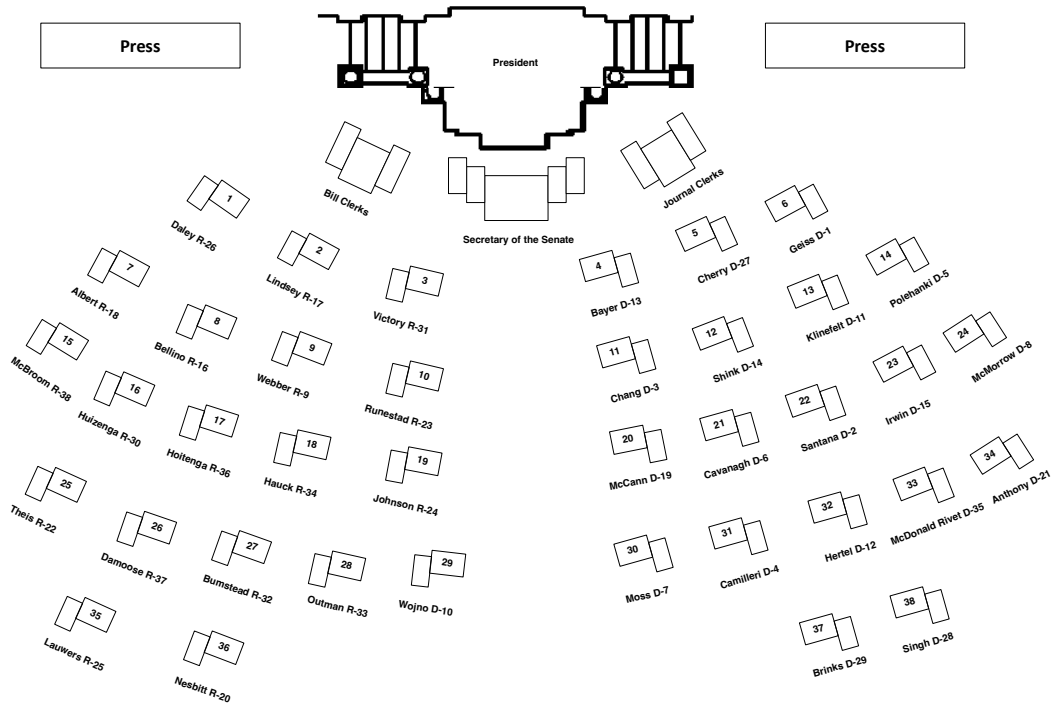
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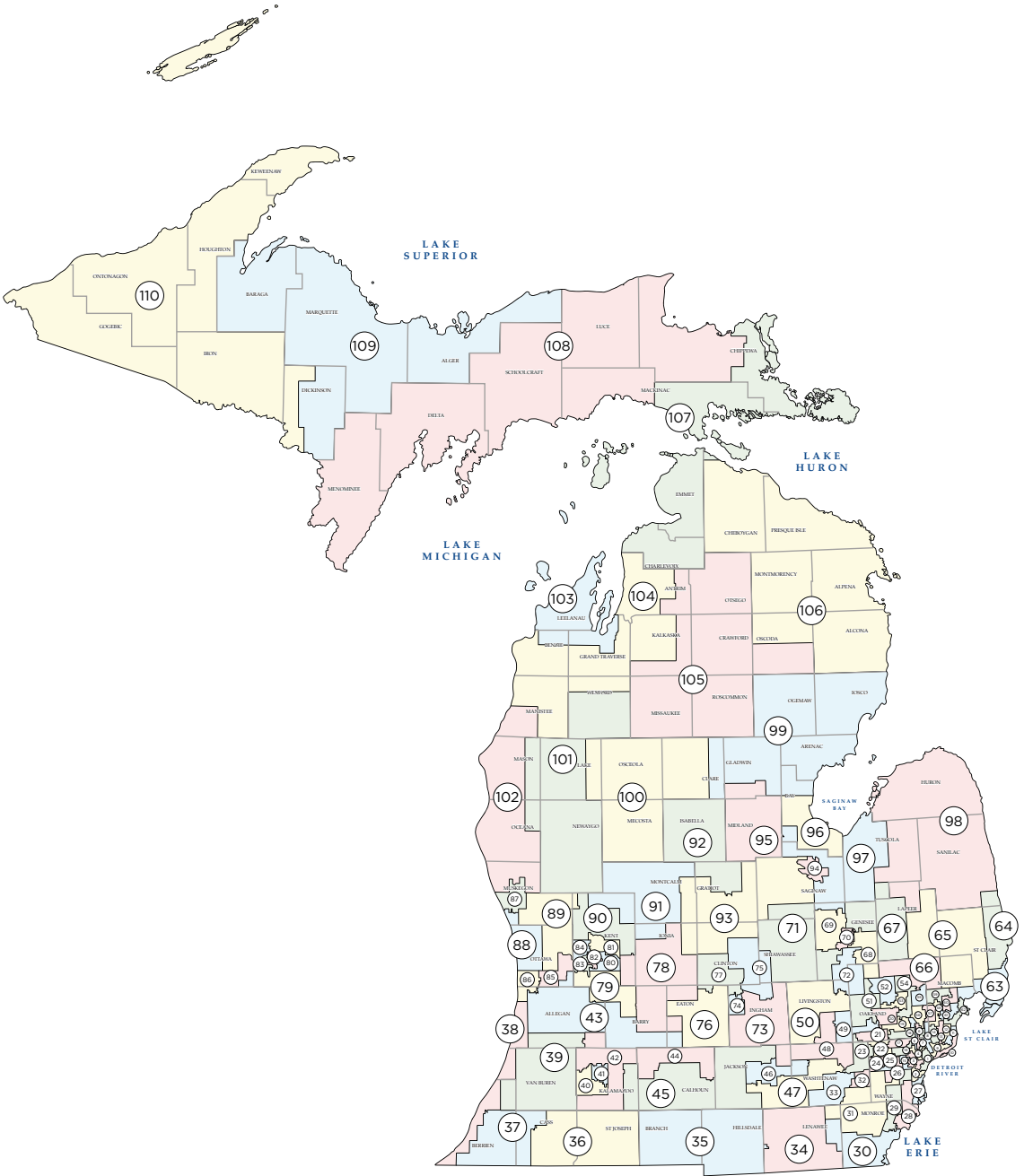
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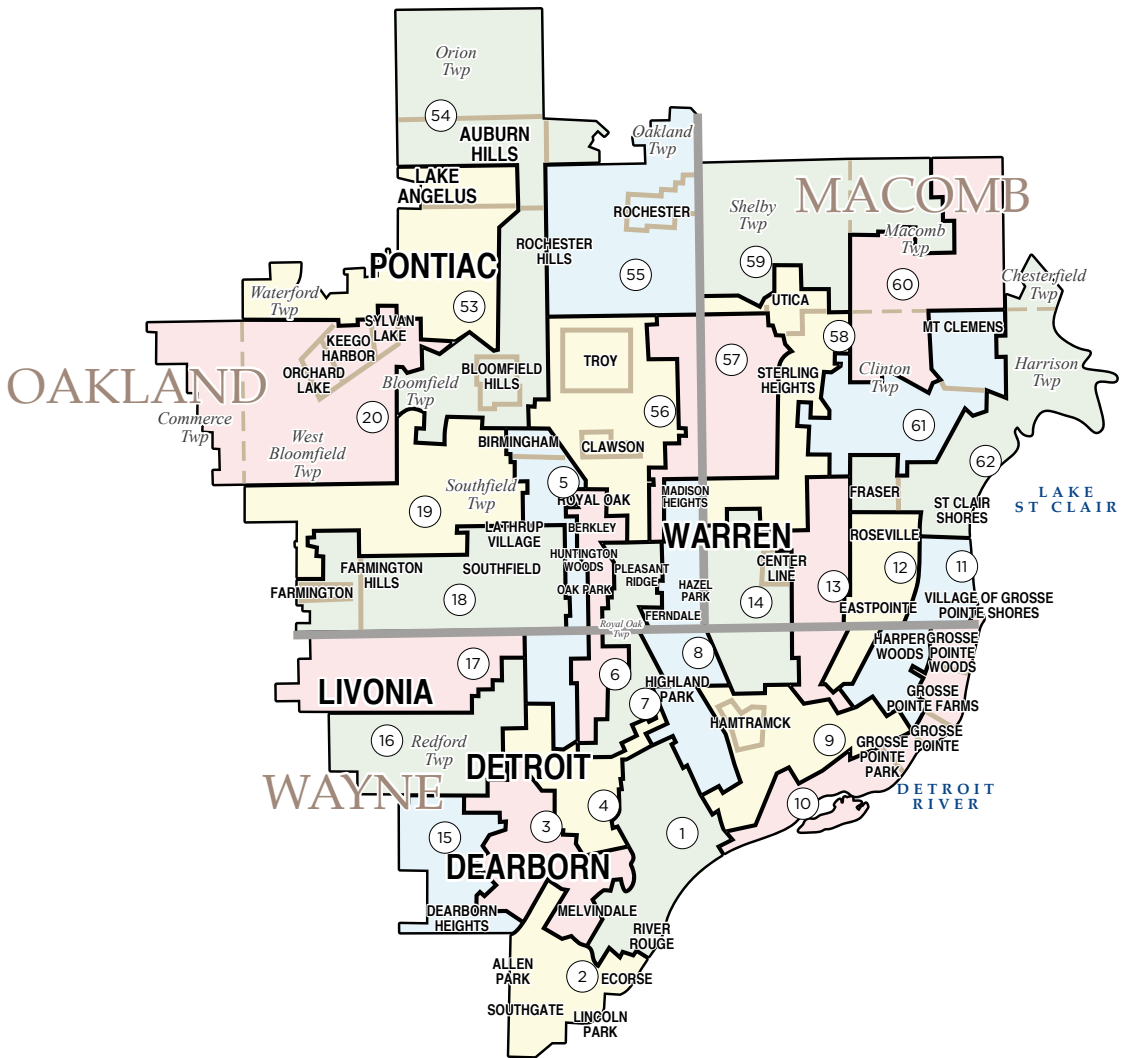
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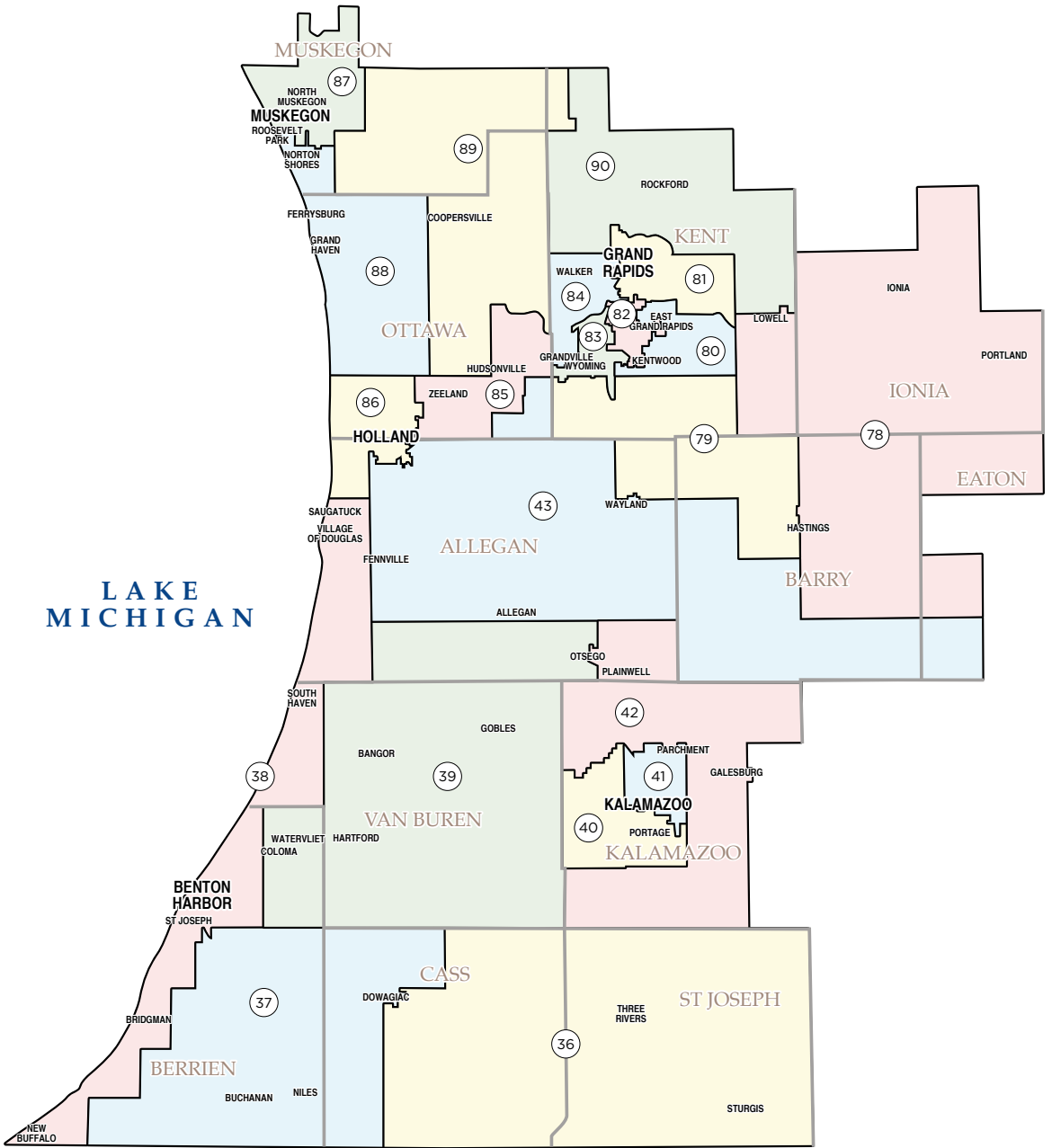
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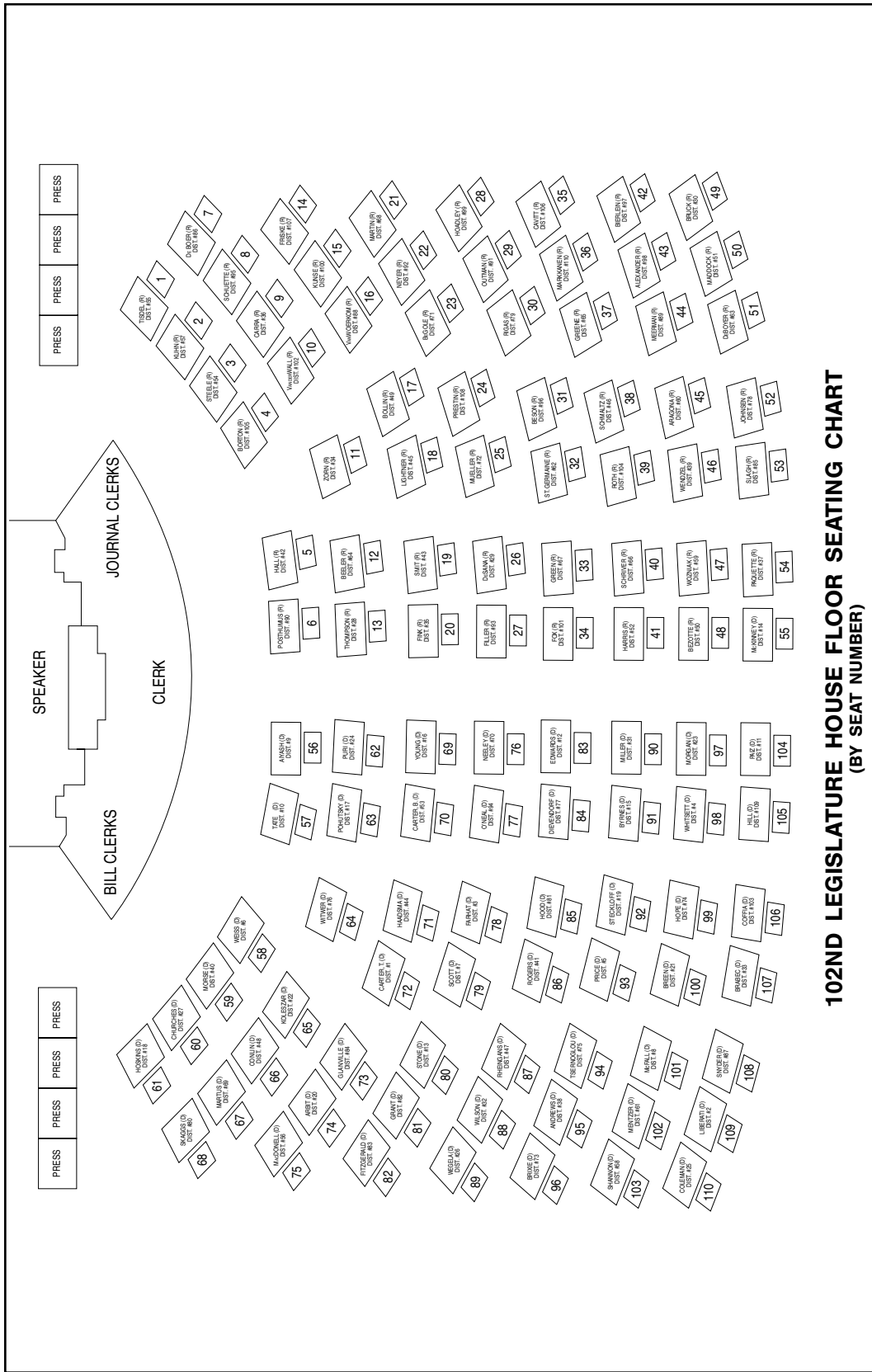
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New members in bold.

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1	Tyrone A. Carter	D	3	56	Sharon MacDonell	D	1
2	Tullio Liberati, Jr.	D	2	57	Tom E. Kuhn	R	1
3	Alabas Farhat	D	1	58	Nate Shannon	D	3
4	Karen Whitsett	D	3	59	Douglas C. Wozniak	R	3
5	Natalie Price	D	1	60	Joseph Aragona	R	1
6	Regina Weiss	D	2	61	Denise Mentzer	D	1
7	Helena Scott	D	2	62	Alicia St. Germaine	R	1
8	Mike McFall	D	1	63	Jay DeBoyer	R	1
9	Abraham Aiyash	D	2*	64	Andrew Beeler	R	2
10	Joe Tate	D	3	65	Jaime Greene	R	1
11	Veronica Paiz	D	1	66	Josh Schriver	R	1
12	Kimberly L. Edwards	D	1	67	Phil Green	R	3
13	Lori M. Stone	D	3	68	David W. Martin	R	2
14	Donavan McKinney	D	1	69	Jasper Ryan Martus	D	1
15	Erin Byrnes	D	1	70	Cynthia R. Neeley	D	2**
16	Stephanie A. Young	D	2	71	Brian BeGole	R	1
17	Laurie Pohutsky	D	3	72	Mike Mueller	R	3
18	Jason Hoskins	D	1	73	Julie Brixie	D	3
19	Samantha Steckloff	D	2	74	Kara Hope	D	3
20	Noah Arbit	D	1	75	Penelope Tsernoglou	D	1
21	Kelly Breen	D	2	76	Angela Witwer	D	3
22	Matt Koleszar	D	3	77	Emily Dievendorf	D	1
23	Jason Morgan	D	1	78	Gina Johnsen	R	1
24	Ranjeev Puri	D	2	79	Angela Rigas	R	1
25	Kevin Coleman	D	3	80	Phil Skaggs	D	1
26	Dylan Wegela	D	1	81	Rachel Hood	D	3
27	Jaime Churches	D	1	82	Kristian Grant	D	1
28	Jamie Thompson	R	1	83	John Fitzgerald	D	1
29	James DeSana	R	1	84	Carol Glanville	D	1**
30	William Bruck	R	1	85	Bradley Slagh	R	3
31	Reggie Miller	D	1	86	Nancy DeBoer	R	1
32	Jimmie Wilson, Jr.	D	1	87	Will Snyder	D	1
33	Felicia Brabec	D	2	88	Greg VanWoerkom	R	3
34	Dale W. Zorn	R	3	89	Luke Meerman	R	3
35	Andrew Fink	R	2	90	Bryan Posthumus	R	2
36	Steve Carra	R	2	91	Pat Outman	R	2
37	Brad Paquette	R	3	92	Jerry Neyer	R	1
38	Joey Andrews	D	1	93	Graham Filler	R	3
39	Pauline Wendzel	R	3	94	Amos O'Neal	D	2
40	Christine Morse	D	2	95	Bill G. Schuette	R	1
41	Julie M. Rogers	D	2	96	Timothy Beson	R	2
42	Matt Hall	R	3	97	Matthew Bierlein	R	1
43	Rachelle Smit	R	1	98	Gregory L. Alexander	R	1
44	Jim Haadsma	D	3	99	Mike Hoadley	R	1
45	Sarah Lightner	R	3	100	Tom Kunse	R	1
46	Kathy Schmaltz	R	1	101	Joseph D. Fox	R	1
47	Carrie Rheingans	D	1	102	Curt VanderWall	R	2
48	Jennifer Conlin	D	1	103	Betsy Coffia	D	1
49	Ann Bollin	R	3	104	John R. Roth	R	2
50	Robert J. Bezotte	R	2	105	Ken Borton	R	2
51	Matt Maddock	R	3	106	Cam Cavitt	R	1
52	Mike Harris	R	1**	107	Neil W. Friske	R	1
53	Brenda Carter	D	3	108	David Prestin	R	1
54	Donni Steele	R	1	109	Jenn Hill	D	1
55	Mark Tisdell	R	2	110	Gregory Markkanen	R	3

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How They Work

When a bill is introduced in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, it is sent to one of the committees in its own house which deals with the bill's subject matter. At the point of introduction, the bill will be given a number and will be made available on the Legislature's website (www.legislature.mi.gov).

There are 21 standing House committees and 17 standing Senate committees. Each house's Appropriations Committee—the committee that considers bills and other measures related to the state budget and allocating money to state departments—is also divided into subcommittees where bills with budgetary implications are assigned for discussion, analysis, and revision before being presented to the full committee for action. (See subcommittee section for chairpersons and members.)

There are several other types of committees established by the Legislature to achieve certain goals. Special or select committees may be created. For the most part, these committees are created to study and investigate narrower topics of special interest, such as auto insurance, the Flint Water Crisis, or the COVID-19 Pandemic in recent years. Another type of committee is the joint committee, such as the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the Legislative Council. These committees, like standing committees, are appointed for two-year periods, but membership consists of both Senators and Representatives.

When a bill is referred to a standing committee, committee members consider legislation, and the chair decides whether there will be a public hearing on the bill. If there is a public hearing, the bill sponsor, interested parties, and the public will have a chance to testify before the committee about the bill to urge passage, to urge rejection, or to suggest changes. There may be multiple days of testimony if there is significant interest in the bill or if the subject is particularly complicated.

After considering a bill and hearing testimony, the committee can choose to take a variety of actions. Typically, the committee will do one of the following:

- a) Take no action on the bill.
- b) Report the bill with a favorable recommendation.
- c) Report a substituted or amended version of the bill with a favorable recommendation.
- d) Report the bill with the recommendation that it be referred to another committee.

Taking no official action on the bill usually means that there is not enough support on the committee to move the legislation or that the members want to take more time to consider the issue or ponder further changes.

In both houses, a majority vote of the members serving on a committee is necessary to report a bill. If a committee does not report a bill, the bill can be forced out of committee by a *motion to discharge* from the chamber floor. A majority vote of the full chamber is required to move a bill from committee to the floor without the recommendation of the committee.

All standing committee meetings are open to the public with rare exceptions. Most committee business is conducted during the meeting, although committee members often communicate with each other about committee business in private.



There is a schedule of committee meetings which indicates what day and time committees usually meet each week (see listing on pages 66 and 69), although committees may schedule meetings at other times during the week. Not all committees will meet every week. Public hearings are announced at the end of the daily House or Senate sessions and are posted on the Legislature’s website as soon as the chair sets a meeting. Notices must be posted at least 18 hours before the committee meets in most cases. The notice for such hearings gives the time, date, place, and subject matter. Once posted, a meeting notice may change and should be checked regularly.

Testifying Before a Committee

If you become aware that a bill of interest to you has been introduced, you can monitor it on the Legislature’s website (legislature.mi.gov), including the committee to which the bill has been referred. You may sign up for notice on the Legislature’s website for information about the committee’s schedule and/or the bill in question. You may also write to the chair of that committee requesting that the bill be scheduled for a hearing. Bills do not automatically receive a hearing once they are referred to a committee, so calls, letters, and e-mails about a particular bill may increase the chances that it receives a committee hearing.

When a bill is scheduled to receive a hearing and if you feel there are contributions you can make to the committee process, you may decide to testify at the hearing. The purpose of providing testimony is to inform committee members about the bill and the consequences of its passage. During a committee meeting, the sponsor, experts on the issue, and members of the public will normally be given an opportunity to speak about the bill, and committee members may ask questions. Committees also accept written testimony and index cards which allow people to state their position without providing testimony. Committees may take testimony at multiple meetings before taking action on a bill, especially if the issue is complicated or there are a lot of people wishing to provide testimony.

If you find out about a bill after it has passed in its house of origin, you still may have the opportunity to be heard before the committee in the other house to which it has been referred.

Legislators will often hear testimony from many different people and interest groups during the committee process. One way to influence this process is to provide written information to the committee members or your own legislator (see Citizen Participation section). Another way to influence legislation at this stage of the process is to testify in person. The following are guidelines which may assist in making your testimony influential and effective:

1. Notify the committee clerk or chair as soon as possible if you wish to testify. You can call or email ahead of time to make them aware, but you should also arrive to the committee room early and fill out one of the index cards which are available to people wishing to state a position on the bill. Filling out this card and delivering it to the committee clerk is the official way in which you indicate your interest in offering testimony.
2. If you represent a group of individuals or an organization, choose one person to present the group's point of view and bring others along as supporters. Committees have a limited amount of time at most meetings and avoiding repetitive testimony will allow others more time to speak. When there are a large number of people wishing to testify on a bill, the committee chair may limit the amount of time each person has to testify.
3. Prepare testimony and/or suggested amendments in advance. Committee members will often have questions about your testimony and being familiar with the specifics of the bill and the issue will allow you to respond in the most productive manner, either with data, arguments, or suggested changes.
4. Prepare a clear, concise written statement. Legislators receive a lot of information on many different issues, so communicating your position as directly as possible is important. Having a written statement that accompanies your presentation will ensure committee members can refer to your comments at a later date.
5. Identify who you are and, if you represent a group, give the name of the group. At the beginning of your remarks, state whether you are testifying in support or opposition of the proposal or bill. Relate your group's or your own experience or views directly to the issue.
6. Keep your testimony short and to the point. If your testimony is lengthy and complex, it is best to offer highlights at the hearing and request permission to place your complete position and supporting material in the record. Anything you present in writing will be placed in the committee members' files and will be available to them at any future meetings. If possible, have copies of testimony available for committee members and staff.
7. Be prepared to respond to questions. Don't be afraid to stop and think for a minute to answer a question properly. If you don't have the answer, request permission to provide a detailed response at a later date.

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

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AGRICULTURE

Reps. Miller (C), Paiz (VC), Dievendorf, Rheingans, Young, Stone, Fitzgerald, Coffia, *Neyer (M-VC), VanderWall, Beirlein, Roth, Smit*

APPROPRIATIONS

Reps. Witwer (C), O'Neal (VC), Price, Weiss, Morgan, Brabec, Hood, Brixie, Martus, Skaggs, McKinney, Puri, Morse, Snyder, Steckloff, Wilson, Mentzer, *Lightner (M-VC), Borton, Green, Fink, Bollin, Beson, Slagb, Kubn, DeBoer, Steele, Schuette, Cavitt*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Reps. Hope (C), Andrews (VC), Young, T. Carter, Breen, Tsernoglou, Arbit, Dievendorf, *Filler (M-VC), Mueller, BeGole, Harris, Bezotte*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

Reps. Hoskins (C), Grant (VC), Liberati, Miller, Neeley, Whitsett, Coffia, Farhat, *Tisdell (M-VC), Roth, VanWoerkom, Martin, St. Germaine*

EDUCATION

Reps. Koleszar (C), Churches (VC), Wegela, Edwards, Shannon, Stone, Glanville, Conlin, Weiss, *Greene (M-VC), Wendzel, Markkanen, Johnsen, Paquette*

ELECTIONS

Reps. Tsernoglou (C), Wegela (VC), Byrnes, Koleszar, Hope, Churches, *Smit (M-VC), DeBoyer*

ENERGY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY

Reps. Scott (C), Andrews (VC), Neeley, Churches, Whitsett, Coleman, Hill, McFall, MacDonell, Byrnes, *Wendzel (M-VC), Schmaltz, BeGole, Aragona, Greene, Outman, Prestin*

ETHICS AND OVERSIGHT

Reps. Byrnes (C), Hope (VC), Churches, Wegela, Hoskins, Breen, *Kunse (M-VC), Harris, Wozniak*

FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

Reps. Young (C), Coffia (VC), Glanville, MacDonell, Arbit, Edwards, *Wozniak (M-VC), Johnsen, Fox, Thompson*

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Reps. Liberati (C), Pohutsky (VC), McFall, *Posthumus (M-VC), Greene*

HEALTH POLICY

Reps. Rogers (C), Whitsett (VC), Rheingans, Miller, Fitzgerald, Neeley, Farhat, Haadsma, B. Carter, Glanville, Conlin, Coffia, *VanderWall (M-VC), Thompson, Mueller, Filler, Roth, Schmaltz, VanWoerkom*

HIGHER EDUCATION

Reps. Glanville (C), Rheingans (VC), Byrnes, Coffia, Paiz, MacDonell, Hill, Scott, Koleszar, *VanderWall (M-VC), Paquette, Zorn, DeSana, Bruck*

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Reps. B. Carter (C), McFall (VC), Stone, Fitzgerald, Coleman, Grant, Young, Rogers, Scott, Breen, *Harris (M-VC), Neyer, Bezotte, Smit, Aragona, Markkanen, Bruck*

JUDICIARY

Reps. Breen (C), Edwards (VC), Hope, Hoskins, T. Carter, Tsernoglou, Arbit, Dievendorf, *Fink (M-VC), Wendzel, Outman, Wozniak, Johnsen*

LABOR

Reps. Haadsma (C), Mentzer (VC), Andrews, Churches, O'Neal, Koleszar, Wegela, *Wozniak (M-VC), Mueller, Kunse*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Reps. Fitzgerald (C), Byrnes (VC), Hill, Rogers, Breen, Hoskins, Paiz, Shannon, *Zorn (M-VC), Paquette, Bezotte, Prestin, BeGole*

MILITARY, VETERANS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Reps. Conlin (C), Coleman (VC), Stone, Rogers, T. Carter, Wegela, *Markkanen (M-VC), Bezotte, St. Germaine, Martin*

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Reps. Pohutsky (C), Hill (VC), Paiz, McFall, Shannon, Arbit, *Martin (M-VC), Schriver, Prestin*

REGULATORY REFORM

Reps. T. Carter (C), Liberati (VC), McFall, Snyder, Young, Grant, Scott, Wilson, Neeley, *Mueller (M-VC), Filler, Bierlein, Neyer, Wendzel, Aragona*

TAX POLICY

Reps. Neeley (C), Farhat (VC), Grant, Whitsett, Price, B. Carter, Brixie, *VanWoerkom (M-VC), Markkanen, Outman, Tisdell, Hoadley*

TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Reps. Shannon (C), MacDonell (VC), Fitzgerald, Hoskins, Conlin, Coleman, Farhat, Miller, *Outman (M-VC), Roth, St. Germaine, Bruck, Kunse*

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Reps. Brixie (C), Martus (VC), McKinney, Mentzer, Puri, *Borton (M-VC), Alexander*

CORRECTIONS

Reps. O'Neal (C), McKinney (VC), Snyder, Morse, *Slagh (M-VC), Lightner, Bollin*

ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Reps. Hood (C), McKinney (VC), Brabec, Martus, Weiss, *Beson (M-VC), Schuette, Cavitt*

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Reps. Brabec (C), Hood (VC), Puri, O'Neal, Mentzer, Steckloff, *Bollin (M-VC), Lightner, Kubn*

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Reps. Morse (C), Martus (VC), Brabec, Hood, Skaggs, Farhat, O'Neal, Price, Snyder, Puri, *Green (M-VC), Bollin, Kubn, Meerman, Steele*

HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Reps. Steckloff (C), Morgan (VC), Skaggs, Weiss, Price, *Kubn (M-VC), DeBoer*

JOINT CAPITAL OUTLAY

Reps. Price (C), Steckloff (VC), Puri, Brixie, O'Neal, Wilson, *Alexander (M-VC), Slagh, Steele*

JUDICIARY

Reps. Wilson (C), Weiss (VC), Brixie, Morgan, Mentzer, *Lightner (M-VC), Cavitt, Schuette*

LABOR AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Reps. Snyder (C), Martus (VC), McKinney, Puri, Farhat, *VanWoerkom (M-VC), Meerman, Beson, Alexander*

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Reps. Skaggs (C), Brixie (VC), McKinney, Martus, Morse, *Schuette (M-VC), DeBoer, Borton*

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND STATE POLICE

Reps. Morgan (C), Wilson (VC), Morse, Brabec, *Cavitt (M-VC), Green, Slagh*

SCHOOL AID AND EDUCATION

Reps. Weiss (C), Morgan (VC), Price, Koleszar, Skaggs, Wilson, Steckloff, *DeBoer (M-VC), Green, Meerman, Beson*

TRANSPORTATION

Reps. Puri (C), Morgan (VC), Hood, Skaggs, Steckloff, *Steele (M-VC), Borton*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SCHEDULE OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
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COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	CLERK	DAY	TIME	LOCATION*
Agriculture	Rep. Miller	Justin Easter - 373-0127	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	327
Appropriations	Rep. Wittwer	Dakota Soda - 373-0350	Call of the Chair		352 Capitol
Criminal Justice	Rep. Hope	Melissa Sweet - 373-5176	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	519
Economic Development and Small Business	Rep. Hoskins	Elaïne Kupiec - 373-1260	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	326
Education	Rep. Koleszar	Legan Rose - 373-2115	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	521
Elections	Rep. Tsernoglou	Edward Sleeper - 373-2002	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	327
Energy, Communications, and Technology	Rep. Scott	Molly Wingrove - 373-5024	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	519
Ethics and Oversight	Rep. Byrnes	Dakota Soda - 373-0350	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	521
Families, Children and Seniors	Rep. Young	Elaïne Kupiec - 373-1260	Tuesday	12:00 noon	326
Government Operations	Rep. Liberati	Matt Carnagie - 373-5795	Call of the Chair		307
Health Policy	Rep. Rogers	Melissa Sweet - 373-5176	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	519
Higher Education	Rep. Glanville	Legan Rose - 373-2115	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	326
Insurance and Financial Services	Rep. B. Carter	Joy Brewer - 373-8474	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	521
Judiciary	Rep. Breen	Melissa Sweet - 373-5176	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	521
Labor	Rep. Haadsma	Edward Sleeper - 373-2002	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	326
Local Government and Municipal Finance	Rep. Fitzgerald	Molly Wingrove - 373-5024	Wednesday	12:00 noon	519
Military, Veterans and Homeland Security	Rep. Conlin	Joy Brewer - 373-8474	Tuesday	12:00 noon	327
Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation	Rep. Pohutsky	Legan Rose - 373-2115	Thursday	10:30 a.m.	327
Regulatory Reform	Rep. T. Carter	Molly Wingrove - 373-5024	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	519
Tax Policy	Rep. Neeley	Edward Sleeper - 373-2002	Wednesday	12:00 noon	521
Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure	Rep. Shannon	Dakota Soda - 373-0350	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	521

* All meetings are in the House Office Building, unless otherwise denoted.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

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APPROPRIATIONS

Senators Anthony (C), McCann (VC), McDonald Rivet, Cherry, Bayer, Santana, Shink, Irwin, Hertel, Camilleri, Klinefelt, McMorro, Cavanagh, *Bumstead (M-VC), Albert, Damoose, Huizenga, Outman, Theis*

CIVIL RIGHTS, JUDICIARY, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Senators Chang (C), Shink (VC), Wojno, Irwin, Santana, *Runestad (M-VC), Johnson*

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Senators McMorro (C), Cavanagh (VC), Polehanki, Cherry, McDonald Rivet, Moss, Geiss, *Victory (M-VC), Lindsey, Webber*

EDUCATION

Senators Polehanki (C), Geiss (VC), Chang, Camilleri, McDonald Rivet, *Damoose (M-VC), Johnson*

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS

Senators Moss (C), Wojno (VC), Santana, McMorro, Chang, Camilleri, *Johnson (M-VC), McBroom*

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senators McCann (C), McDonald Rivet (VC), Singh, Bayer, Shink, Hertel, Camilleri, Chang, Polehanki, *Lauwers (M-VC), Damoose, Outman, Hauck, Bellino*

FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senators Cavanagh (C), Moss (VC), McCann, Bayer, Irwin, *Huizenga (M-VC), Theis, Daley*

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senators Brinks (C), Singh (VC), Moss, *Nesbitt (M-VC), Lauwers*

HEALTH POLICY

Senators Hertel (C), Santana (VC), Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, *Webber (M-VC), Hauck, Huizenga, Runestad*

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senators Irwin (C), Santana (VC), Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, *Lindsey (M-VC), Hoytenga, Damoose*

LABOR

Senators Cherry (C), Camilleri (VC), Cavanagh, *Albert (M-VC)*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senators Klinefelt (C), Wojno (VC), Moss, Bayer, Shink, *Hoytenga (M-VC), Daley*

NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE

Senators Shink (C), Cherry (VC), Singh, Polehanki, *Daley (M-VC), Victory, Hoytenga*

OVERSIGHT

Senators Singh (C), McMorro (VC), Geiss, Polehanki, *McBroom (M-VC), Lindsey*

REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Senators Moss (C), Polehanki (VC), McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, *Hauck (M-VC), Webber, Lauwers, Bellino*

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Senators Geiss (C), Klinefelt (VC), Wojno, Hertel, Camilleri, Chang, McCann, *Bellino (M-VC), McBroom, Victory, Bumstead*

VETERANS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Senators Klinefelt (C), Hertel (VC), Santana, *Outman (M-VC)*

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senators Cherry (C), Shink (VC), Singh, *Bumstead (M-VC), Theis*

CORRECTIONS AND JUDICIARY

Senators Shink (C), Santana (VC), Irwin, *Outman (M-VC)*

DHHS

Senators Santana (C), McDonald Rivet (VC), Irwin, Cavanagh, Cherry, Camilleri, Bayer, *Outman (M-VC), Theis, Huizenga, Hauck*

EGLE

Senators Irwin (C), Singh (VC), McDonald Rivet, Shink, Cherry, Bayer, *Bumstead (M-VC), Hauck, Outman*

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Senators Cherry (C), Bayer (VC), Singh, Klinefelt, *Albert (M-VC), Hauck*

JOINT CAPITAL OUTLAY

Senators McDonald Rivet (C), Irwin (VC), McCann, Santana, Camilleri, McMorrow, *Damoose (M-VC), Bumstead, Huizenga*

LEO / MEDC

Senators Cavanagh (C), McDonald Rivet (VC), McCann, McMorrow, Camilleri, *Huizenga (M-VC), Bumstead*

LARA / DIFS

Senators Cavanagh (C), Santana (VC), *Theis (M-VC)*

MDE

Senators Bayer (C), Klinefelt (VC), Singh, *Albert (M-VC)*

MILITARY, VETERANS, STATE POLICE

Senators Hertel (C), Klinefelt (VC), *Theis (M-VC)*

PREK-12

Senators Camilleri (C), Polehanki (VC), Hertel, Klinefelt, Cavanagh, *Theis (M-VC), Albert*

TRANSPORTATION

Senators Klinefelt (C), Hertel (VC), McCann, Camilleri, *Damoose (M-VC), Bumstead*

UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Senators McCann (C), Irwin (VC), McDonald Rivet, Singh, *Albert (M-VC), Damoose*

SENATE
SCHEDULE OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Appropriations	Senator Anthony	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, Capitol
Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety	Senator Chang	Thursday	12:00 noon	1300 Binsfeld
Economic and Community Development	Senator McMorrow	Thursday	12:00 noon	1100 Binsfeld
Education	Senator Polehanki	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	1100 Binsfeld
Elections and Ethics	Senator Moss	Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	1100 Binsfeld
Energy and Environment	Senator McCann	Thursday	1:30 p.m.	403 Capitol
Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection	Senator Cavanagh	Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	1200 Binsfeld
Government Operations	Senator Brinks	Tuesday	12:30 p.m.	403 Capitol
Health Policy	Senator Hertel	Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	1100 Binsfeld
Housing and Human Services	Senator Irwin	Tuesday	12:00 noon	403 Capitol
Labor	Senator Cherry	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	1300 Binsfeld
Local Government	Senator Klinefelt	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	1200 Binsfeld
Natural Resources and Agriculture	Senator Shink	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	1300 Binsfeld
Oversight	Senator Singh	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	1200 Binsfeld
Regulatory Affairs	Senator Moss	Thursday	8:30 a.m.	1100 Binsfeld
Transportation and Infrastructure	Senator Geiss	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	403 Capitol
Veterans and Emergency Services	Senator Klinefelt	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	1300 Binsfeld

STATUTORY COMMITTEES

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Senators Brinks (C), Singh, Moss, McCann, *Victory, McBroom*
Representatives Tate (Alt. C), Witwer, Pohutsky, Aiyash, *Hall, Posthumus*

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senators Wojno (Alt. C), Bayer, McMorrow, *Theis, Runestad*
Representatives Haadsma (C), Liberati, B. Carter, *Bierlein, Beeler*

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FISCAL AGENCY GOVERNING BOARDS

SENATE FISCAL AGENCY GOVERNING BOARD

Senators Anthony (C), Brinks, McCann, *Nesbitt, Bumstead*

HOUSE FISCAL GOVERNING BOARD

Representatives Witwer (C), Tate (VC), Aiyash, *Lightner (M-VC), Posthumus, Hall*



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CAPITOL SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Most visitors to the Capitol come to tour the building, observe the Legislature, or participate in the legislative process by meeting with legislators, testifying before legislative committees, etc.

The goal of the Capitol staff is to ensure that every citizen visiting their Capitol is treated with respect. Everyone should be able to enjoy a tour, observe the Legislature, and participate in the legislative process.

The Michigan Legislature, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensures that individuals with disabilities shall not be excluded from participating in, or be denied, the benefits of any program, service, or activity offered by the Legislature.

The purpose of this section is to advise persons with disabilities of the services and accommodations available at their Capitol.

Parking Spaces

There are parking spaces for persons with mobility disabilities north of the Capitol. The entrance is off Ottawa Street. The spaces are designated with the international mobility disability symbol. One of the spaces will accommodate a van. All vehicles using the mobility disability parking spaces must have a disability license plate or display a mobility disability permit issued by the Secretary of State.

Entrance Door Access

The north annex entrance door adjacent to the mobility disability parking spaces and all ground floor entrance doors are mobility disability accessible. At least one outer and one inner vestibule door on each side of the Capitol, as well as the north annex entrance adjacent to the mobility disability parking spaces, also have an automatic door opener which can be activated by pushing a plate. The plates are marked with the mobility disability symbol.

Restrooms

Public restrooms are located on the ground floor, third floor and fourth floor of the Capitol. All public restrooms are accessible to persons with mobility disabilities.

Emergency Procedures

The Capitol is generally a very safe place to be in the case of an emergency. Nonetheless, as part of the Capitol's restoration, modern life safety systems were installed. The building is completely equipped with fire sprinklers, and over 5,000 sensors monitor air ducts, motors, and sprinkler lines. The system is designed to notify emergency personnel immediately so they can react swiftly. At the same time, alarms were installed to alert the Capitol's visitors and staff to an emergency situation. These alarms feature both auditory (a voiced alarm) and visual (flashing lights) components. The building also has two interior, enclosed fire stairs located right off the rotunda in the east and west wings. The first and ground floors each have four exterior exits.

If an alarm is activated, exit by the closest, safest stairs. **DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.** The fire stairs are pressurized to keep smoke and fire out. Wheelchair users and other persons with mobility disabilities should proceed to the landings in the fire stairs, where they will be assisted by emergency personnel, if necessary.

The Michigan State Police, Sergeants-At-Arms of the Senate and House, along with building staff, have been assigned sections of the Capitol, and will go through the building to ensure that everyone is aware of the emergency and has either vacated the building or gone to the tornado shelter or fire stair landings, depending on the situation.

Tours of the Capitol

For persons with hearing disability:

- A printed version of the tour script is available.
- In addition, those who read lips should notify their Tour Guide at the start of the tour. Every effort will be made to make sure that the Tour Guide is positioned to make lip reading easier.
- The Capitol Tour Guide Service will provide a sign language interpreter for scheduled hard-of-hearing or deaf tour groups with at least two weeks prior notification.

For persons with visual disability:

- A large-print version of the tour script is available.
- A Braille version of the tour script is available.

For persons with mobility disability:

- An elevator is available for wheelchair users or individuals who cannot climb or descend stairs during the tour.
- Individuals who find it difficult to walk or stand for long periods or have other mobility impairments should notify their Tour Guide so most of the tour information is given while the group is seated in the Orientation Room, the Senate and House galleries, and the Appropriations Rooms.

Booking Tours for Persons With Disabilities

Tours for groups of ten or more can be booked through the Capitol Tour Service office. If any members of your group are persons with disabilities, advise the Capitol Tour Service office at the time you book the tour. Tours can and most often are booked one year in advance. Please contact:

Capitol Tour Service
State Capitol Building
PO. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514
(517) 373-2353 or (517) 373-2348

Large Groups

As the seat of state government, the Capitol is the place citizens come to redress their grievances, demonstrate, and conduct rallies. Periodically, large groups of persons with disabilities visit the Capitol. The staff will do everything it can to accommodate such groups. If you are planning an event for a large number of persons with disabilities, we would strongly encourage you to confer with the Capitol staff early in your planning so any necessary arrangements can be made to transport participants to the Capitol, move people through the building, etc. Planning is always the key to a successful event and good planning ensures that all can participate. Please contact:

Capitol Events Coordinator
State Capitol Facility Operations
PO. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514
(517) 373-9617

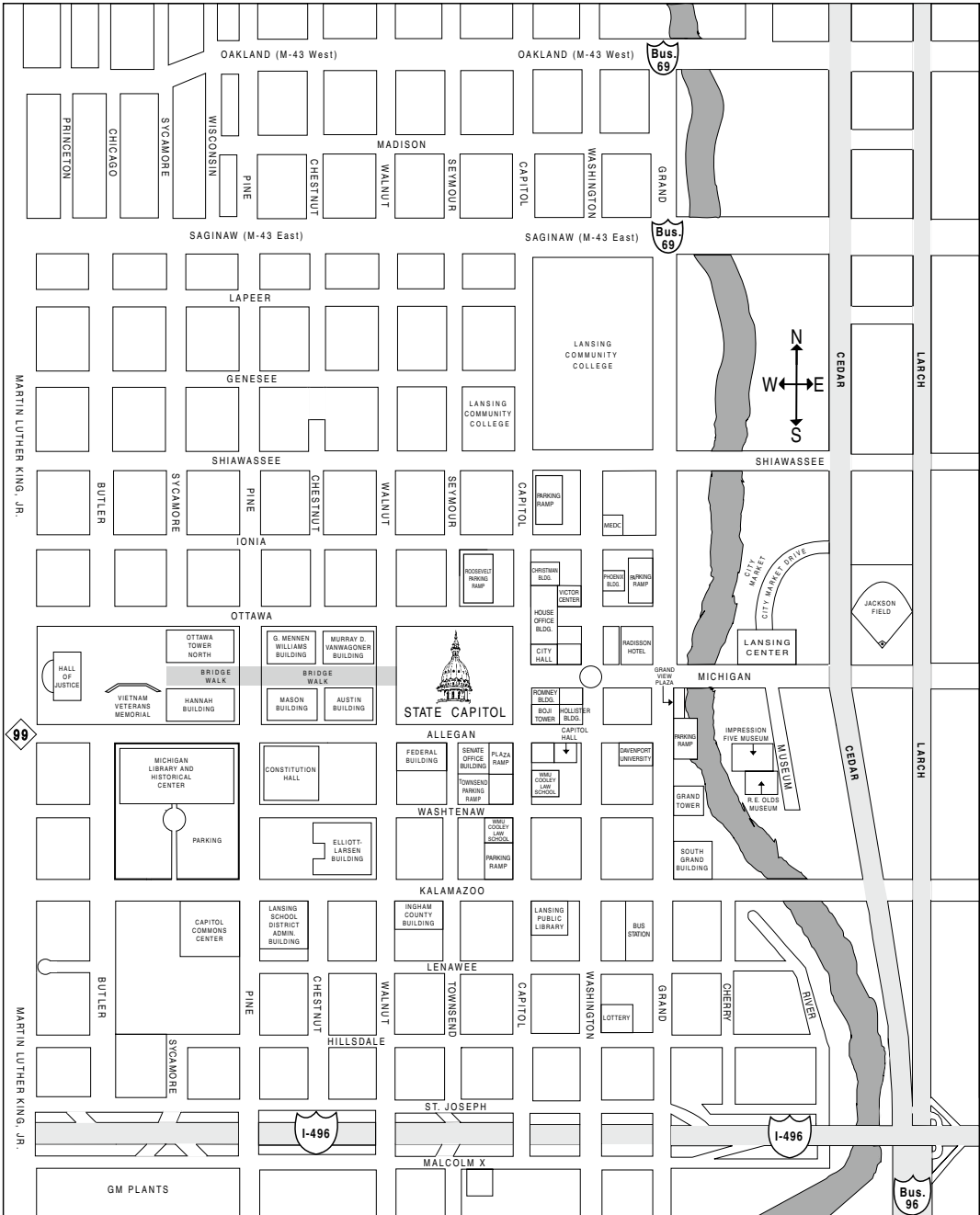


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