

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT**  
**Act 268 of 1986**

AN ACT to create the legislative council; to prescribe its membership, powers, and duties; to create a legislative service bureau to provide staff services to the legislature and the council; to provide for operation of legislative parking facilities; to create funds; to provide for the expenditure of appropriated funds by legislative council agencies; to authorize the sale of access to certain computerized data bases; to establish fees; to create the Michigan commission on uniform state laws; to create a law revision commission; to create a senate fiscal agency and a house fiscal agency; to create a Michigan capitol committee; to create a commission on intergovernmental relations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1987, Act 123, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1987;—Am. 1988, Act 100, Eff. July 1, 1988.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

CHAPTER 1  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**4.1101 Short title.**

Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “legislative council act”.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

**4.1102 Definitions.**

Sec. 102. As used in this act:

(a) “Bureau” means the legislative service bureau.

(b) “Commission” means the Michigan law revision commission.

(c) “Council” means the legislative council.

(d) “Council administrator” means the chief executive officer of all legislative council agencies.

(e) “Legislative council agencies” means the bureau, commission, and any other legislative council agency designated by the council.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1995, Act 189, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995.

**4.1103 Legislative council; creation; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; alternates; removal; vacancies; expenses.**

Sec. 103. There is created within the legislative branch of state government a bipartisan legislative council to consist of 6 members of the house to be appointed by the speaker, not less than 2 of whom shall be members of the minority party, and 6 members of the senate to be appointed by the majority leader, not less than 2 of whom shall be members of the minority party. The speaker and senate majority leader may each appoint 3 alternates to the council who may vote in the absence of any of the regular 6 council members. The majority and minority alternates shall only vote in place of an absent member of the same party. Members and alternates shall be appointed or removed in the same manner as members of standing committees are appointed or removed in each house. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Members shall serve terms concurrent with their term in the legislature and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Members of the council may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the administration of their duties.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

**4.1104 Legislative council; election of chairperson and alternate chairperson; meetings; notice; rules; quorum; report; oaths; subpoena of witnesses; examination of books and records; creation of subcommittees; expenses; availability of writings to public.**

Sec. 104. (1) Annually the council shall elect from its membership a chairperson and alternate chairperson who shall be from different houses. The position of chairperson shall alternate between the senate and the house of representatives.

(2) The business which the council may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the council 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. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(3) The council shall meet not less than 3 times per year. Special meetings shall be held on call of the chairperson or a majority of the members of the council. The council shall prescribe rules for its own procedure. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum, but a smaller number may transact routine business and receive reports from the staff. A majority of the membership shall concur in any recommendation of the council.

(4) The council may report its findings and recommendations to the legislature and may accompany the council's report with proposed bills to implement its recommendations.

(5) The chairperson of the council or a member designated by the chairperson, upon majority vote of the council may administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and examine books and records of a person, partnership, or corporation involved in a matter properly before the council. The council may create subcommittees that may include members of the legislature who are not members of the council. Noncouncil members of subcommittees may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the administration of their duties.

(6) Except for a report or recommendation prepared by the legislative corrections ombudsman under section 10 of Act No. 46 of the Public Acts of 1975, being section 4.360 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the council in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with 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:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1995, Act 189, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995.

#### **4.1104a Council administrator; appointment; duties; responsibilities.**

Sec. 104a. (1) The council shall appoint a council administrator who shall be the chief executive officer of all legislative council agencies. The council administrator is an at-will employee and shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The council administrator has all the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To provide general supervisory oversight over all legislative council agencies.
  - (b) To provide personnel policy oversight and development for all legislative council agencies.
  - (c) To develop, prepare, and present legislative council agency budgets.
  - (d) To review quarterly financial statements of legislative council agencies and monitor budgetary compliance.
  - (e) To act as secretary to the council, including but not limited to the following:
    - (i) Scheduling of meetings for the council and subcommittees.
    - (ii) Keeping and recording of minutes and records of meetings.
  - (f) To perform other duties and responsibilities as determined and assigned by the council.
- (2) In addition to the responsibilities provided in subsection (1), at the direction of the Michigan state capitol commission, the council administrator shall do both of the following:
- (a) Administer compensation, benefits, and other personnel support for the employees of the Michigan state capitol commission.
  - (b) Administer computer, telephone, and technical support for employees of the Michigan state capitol commission.

**History:** Add. 1995, Act 189, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995;—Am. 2013, Act 241, Eff. Mar. 14, 2014.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 1 of Act 241 of 2013 provides:

"Enacting section 1. (1) Section 205 of the legislative council act, 1986 PA 268, MCL 4.1205, is repealed.

"(2) Upon repeal of section 205 of the legislative council act, 1986 PA 268, MCL 4.1205, as provided in subsection (1), any money in the legislative council parking fund created in that section is transferred to the state capitol parking fund created in section 9 of the Michigan state capitol historic site act."

#### **4.1105 Legislative service bureau; creation; bill drafting, research, and other services; organization; appointment of director to serve at pleasure of council; duties, qualifications, and compensation of director.**

Sec. 105. The council shall maintain bill drafting, research, and other services for the members of the legislature in a bureau to be known as the legislative service bureau which is hereby created. The bureau shall provide bill drafting, research, and other services and shall be organized into divisions as authorized by the council. The council shall appoint a director of the legislative service bureau who shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The director shall devote his or her full time to the duties of the office, shall be qualified by experience and ability to conduct the work of the office, and shall receive such compensation as fixed by the council.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

#### **4.1106 Director as chief administrative officer of bureau; employment and compensation of**

**employees; employees as nontenured, at-will employees; discipline, transfer, demotion, or summary discharge of employee; management of bureau; expenses; responsibilities of council.**

Sec. 106. The director of the bureau shall be the chief administrative officer of the bureau. With the approval of the council, the director shall employ such employees as may be necessary and fix their compensation within the appropriation made by the legislature for this purpose. Persons employed by the director shall be nontenured, at-will employees. The director may discipline, transfer, demote, suspend, or summarily discharge an employee. The director shall have charge of the routine management of the bureau and may incur such expenses as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act, to be paid out of appropriations made by the legislature for the operation of the bureau. The council shall be responsible for the general program and policies of the bureau and for the preparation and enforcement of rules and regulations concerning the services to be rendered.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1995, Act 189, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 1995.

**4.1107 Legislative reference library; research services; technical and other assistance.**

Sec. 107. The bureau shall maintain a legislative reference library containing material which may be of use in connection with legislation. Upon request, the bureau shall furnish research services to members of the legislature. The bureau shall furnish such technical and other assistance to legislative committees as may be authorized by the council.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

**4.1108 Legislative service bureau; drafting duties; publication of general laws in force; publication of public and local acts.**

Sec. 108. The bureau shall:

(a) At the request of the members of the legislature, draft bills and resolutions or amendments to, or substitutes for, bills and resolutions; draft conference committee reports; and examine, check, and compare pending bills with other pending bills and existing laws to avoid so far as possible contrary or conflicting provisions.

(b) At the request of the members of the legislature, draft joint rules of the legislature or rules of the house of representatives or the senate, or amendments to those rules.

(c) Prepare a definite plan for the order, classification, arrangement, printing, and binding of the general laws in force.

(d) Prepare catchlines, indexes, and tables for the public and local acts of each session of the legislature.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

**4.1109 Employees not to urge or oppose legislation; duties of employees; recommendation of legislation by director; confidentiality.**

Sec. 109. An employee of the bureau shall not urge or oppose legislation, but upon request shall aid and assist the members of the legislature by advising as to bills and resolutions and by furnishing to them the fullest information upon all matters within the scope of the bureau relating to their public duties. However, the director may recommend legislation to the legislative council or the law revision commission. An employee of the bureau shall not reveal to any person outside the bureau the contents or nature of any matter not yet published without the consent of the person bringing the matter before the bureau. A substitute recommended by a committee, an amendment recommended by a committee, or a conference report shall be considered published when received by the clerk of the house of representatives or secretary of the senate or both, as is appropriate. The clerk of the house of representatives or the secretary of the senate, as is appropriate, shall notify the bureau upon receipt of a substitute, an amendment recommended by a committee, or a conference committee report.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

**4.1110 Text of statutes, constitution, index, and other matter included in compiled laws; maintenance; use of materials for departmental publications.**

Sec. 110. The bureau shall maintain the text of the statutes, the constitution, the index, and other matter included in the compiled laws and make the text conform to the statutes and constitution as thereafter added, altered, repealed, or amended. The bureau shall preserve such parts of the catchlines, indexes, and tables prepared for the public and local acts as may be useful in maintaining the general statutes contained in the compilation. Any of the materials so maintained, by agreement made with the director upon approval of the council, may be used in the publication of such portions of the constitution and statutes as may be agreed

upon for any department or agency of the state or political subdivision of the state.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

## CHAPTER 2 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FUNDS.

### **4.1201 Reprints; sale; disposition of money received; creation of statutes reprint publishing fund; expenditures; utilization of fund.**

Sec. 201. (1) A reprint authorized under section 110 may be sold by the council at a cost not to exceed the cost of preparing, printing, and distributing the reprint.

(2) The money received from the sale of a reprint shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the statutes reprint publishing fund created in subsection (3).

(3) The statutes reprint publishing fund is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the council. The fund shall be expended only as provided in this section.

(4) The council shall utilize the statutes reprint publishing fund to pay the costs of preparing, printing, and distributing reprints.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1999, Act 264, Eff. Apr. 1, 2000.

### **4.1202 Statutes compilation fund; creation; administration; expenditures; disposition of money received from sale of compilations and public and local acts volumes; utilization of fund; price of publications.**

Sec. 202. (1) The statutes compilation fund is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the council. The fund shall be expended only as provided in this section.

(2) The money received from the sale of each of the following shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the statutes compilation fund:

(a) The compilations of the statutes required under 1970 PA 193, MCL 8.41 to 8.48.

(b) The public and local acts volumes required under section 35 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963 and prepared and published under section 1 of 1899 PA 44, MCL 24.1.

(3) The council shall utilize the statutes compilation fund to pay the costs of preparing and publishing the publications described in subsection (2).

(4) The department of management and budget shall sell copies or electronic access of the publications described in subsection (2) at a price determined by the bureau not to exceed the actual cost of preparation, printing, and distribution.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1999, Act 264, Eff. Apr. 1, 2000.

### **4.1203 Michigan register fund; creation; administration; expenditures; disposition of money received from sale of Michigan register and amounts paid by state agencies; use of fund; price of Michigan register; availability of text on internet; copyright or other proprietary interest; fee prohibited; definition.**

Sec. 203. (1) The Michigan register fund is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the office of regulatory reform. The fund shall be expended only as provided in this section.

(2) The money received from the sale of the Michigan register, along with those amounts paid by state agencies pursuant to section 57 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.257, shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the Michigan register fund.

(3) The Michigan register fund shall be used to pay the costs of preparing, printing, and distributing the Michigan register.

(4) The department of management and budget shall sell copies of the Michigan register at a price determined by the office of regulatory reform not to exceed the cost of preparation, printing, and distribution.

(5) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning January 1, 2001, the office of regulatory reform shall make the text of the Michigan register available to the public on the internet.

(6) The information described in subsection (5) that is maintained by the office of regulatory reform shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (5) that is not maintained by the office of regulatory reform shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the office of regulatory reform.

(7) Subsection (5) does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under subsection (5).

(8) The office of regulatory reform shall not charge a fee for providing the Michigan register on the internet as provided in subsection (5).



(9) As used in this section, "Michigan register" means that term as defined in section 5 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.205.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1999, Act 101, Imd. Eff. July 6, 1999;—Am. 1999, Act 264, Eff. Apr. 1, 2000.

**4.1204 Access to computerized council legislative databases and information; rules; conditions and restrictions; creation and administration of legislative computer information fund; expenditures; disposition of money received; utilization of fund; availability of database search and retrieval system on Internet; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204. (1) The council may provide access to computerized council legislative databases and information to individuals and organizations that are not a part of the legislative branch of government. The council may establish rules to implement this subsection. The council shall impose conditions and restrictions upon nonlegislative access and services as determined necessary by the council.

(2) The legislative computer information fund is created in the state treasury and shall be administered by the council. Money from the legislative computer information fund shall be expended only as provided in this section.

(3) The money received from the sale of access and related services pursuant to subsection (1), along with fees charged for training and the sale of user manuals and other money made available for these purposes, by appropriation or otherwise, shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the legislative computer information fund.

(4) The council shall utilize the legislative computer information fund to pay for all of the following that are directly related to computerized council legislative databases and information:

- (a) Research and development.
- (b) Training.
- (c) Additional hardware, software, and facilities.
- (d) Acquisition of necessary support services.
- (e) Editorial and compilation expenses.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make the Michigan Compiled Laws database search and retrieval system available to the public on the Internet. This subsection does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this subsection.

(6) Beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall not charge a fee to provide the Michigan Compiled Laws database search and retrieval system to the public on the Internet as provided in subsection (5).

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1998, Act 431, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1998.

**4.1204a Legislative calendar, notices, agendas, and listing of committees; availability on Internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204a. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning January 1, 2001, the council shall make, for the current legislative session, the legislative calendar, notices of legislative committee and subcommittee meetings, including the agendas, and a listing of the committees of each house and their members available to the public on the Internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 429, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1998.

**4.1204b Bills and resolutions; availability of text on Internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204b. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make the text of each bill introduced, passed by each house, and enrolled during the current legislative session available to the public on the Internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to

the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 404, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1998.

#### **4.1204c Bill analysis; availability on Internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204c. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make each bill analysis prepared by the house legislative analysis section or the senate fiscal agency during the current legislative session available to the public on the Internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 414, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1998.

#### **4.1204d House or senate fiscal agencies; availability of fiscal bill analysis on Internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204d. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make each fiscal bill analysis prepared by the house fiscal agency or senate fiscal agency for the current legislative session available to the public on the Internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 413, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1998.

#### **4.1204e Bills and resolutions; availability of status on Internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204e. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make the status of every bill and resolution that is introduced in each house during the current legislative session available to the public on the Internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee to provide the status of every bill and resolution on the Internet as provided in subsection (1).

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 403, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1998.

#### **4.1204f House and senate journals; availability of text on internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204f. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning January 1, 2001, the council shall make the text of the house and senate journals for the current legislative session available to the public on the Internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this

state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 411, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1998.

#### **4.1204g House fiscal bill analysis; availability on internet; copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement; fee prohibited.**

Sec. 204g. (1) Notwithstanding section 204, beginning July 1, 1999, the council shall make each fiscal bill analysis prepared by the house fiscal agency for the current legislative session available to the public on the internet.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) that is maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after the information is available. The information described in subsection (1) that is not maintained by the council shall be made available in the shortest feasible time after it is made available to the council.

(3) This section does not alter or relinquish any copyright or other proprietary interest or entitlement of this state relating to any of the information made available under this section.

(4) The council shall not charge a fee for the information provided in this section.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 430, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 1998.

#### **4.1205 Repealed. 2013, Act 241, Eff. Mar. 14, 2014.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to establishment, maintenance, and operation of parking facilities.

#### **4.1206 Creation and administration of funds in state treasury.**

Sec. 206. The council may, by resolution and for purposes related to the implementation of this act, create funds in the state treasury to be administered by the council.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

#### **4.1207 Approval of expenditures.**

Sec. 207. Money appropriated under any component in an appropriation act labeled legislative council shall not be expended by an agency included in that component without the approval of the legislative council.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

### CHAPTER 3

#### MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS.

#### **4.1301 Michigan commission on uniform state laws; creation; composition; meetings; purpose; annual report; expenses; continuation of commissioners appointed under former law.**

Sec. 301. (1) The Michigan commission on uniform state laws is created. The Michigan commission on uniform state laws shall consist of the following:

(a) Three members appointed by the council. Members appointed under this subdivision shall not be members of the legislature.

(b) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the senate, 1 from the minority party.

(c) Two members appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 from the minority party.

(d) The director of the bureau or his or her designee.

(2) The commissioners may meet and confer with commissioners of other states to bring about uniformity of state laws. The Michigan commission on uniform state laws shall report annually to the council.

(3) The expenses of the commissioners may be paid from appropriations made to the council upon vouchers approved by the council.

(4) The commissioners on uniform state laws for this state appointed under former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1965 shall continue in office until commissioners for the Michigan commission on uniform state laws are appointed under this section. Commissioners on uniform state laws for this state appointed under former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1965 may be appointed under this section to the Michigan commission on uniform state laws.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

### CHAPTER 4

#### MICHIGAN LAW REVISION COMMISSION.

#### **4.1401 Michigan law revision commission; creation; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancy; designation of chairperson; continuation of members appointed under former law.**

Sec. 401. (1) The Michigan law revision commission is created. The commission shall consist of the following:

(a) Four members appointed by the council. Members appointed under this subdivision shall not be members of the legislature.

(b) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the senate, 1 from the minority party.

(c) Two members appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 from the minority party.

(d) The director of the bureau or his or her designee, as an ex officio member.

(2) The members first appointed by the council shall be appointed for such terms that the term of 1 member will expire on each succeeding December 31. The term of a member thereafter appointed by the council, except to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term, shall be 4 years from the expiration of the term of his or her predecessor. A vacancy in the office of a member appointed by the council occurring otherwise than by expiration of term, shall be filled by the council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(3) The council shall designate 1 of the members appointed by the council as chairperson of the commission. At least 3 members appointed by the council shall be attorneys admitted to practice in the courts of this state.

(4) The 3 members of the commission appointed by the council under former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1965 shall continue in office for the duration of the terms of office for which they were appointed and with the members appointed under subsection (1)(b) and (c), the director of the bureau or his or her designee, and the additional member appointed by the council under subsection (1)(a) shall constitute the Michigan law revision commission. Members shall be appointed by the council under subsection (1)(a) to replace the 3 members appointed by the council under former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1965 only as the terms of those members expire. Members appointed by the council under former Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1965 may be appointed to the commission by the council under this section.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

#### **4.1402 Salaries and expenses of members; appointment, duties, and compensation of employees.**

Sec. 402. Each member of the commission, other than the ex officio member, may receive an annual salary as established by the council. All members may be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The commission may appoint such employees as may be needed, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation within the amount appropriated for the commission.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

#### **4.1403 Duties of commission; availability of writings to public.**

Sec. 403. (1) The Michigan law revision commission shall do each of the following:

(a) Examine the common law and statutes of this state and current judicial decisions for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms in the law and recommending needed reforms.

(b) Receive and consider proposed changes in the law recommended by the American law institute, the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws, a bar association, or other learned bodies.

(c) Receive and consider suggestions from justices, judges, legislators, public officials, lawyers, and the public generally as to defects and anachronisms in the law.

(d) Recommend changes in the law it considers necessary in order to modify or eliminate antiquated and inequitable rules of law, and bring the law of this state into harmony with modern conditions.

(e) Encourage the faculty and students of the law schools of this state to participate in the work of the commission.

(f) Cooperate with law revision commissions of other states and Canadian provinces.

(g) Report its findings and recommendations to the council and annually, before January 2 of each year, to the legislature. If the commission considers it advisable, it shall accompany the commission's report with proposed bills to implement the recommendations.

(2) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with 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:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

CHAPTER 5  
SENATE FISCAL AGENCY.

**4.1501 Senate fiscal agency; creation; purpose; government; availability of writings to public; confidentiality; definitions; employees as nontenured, at-will employees; discipline, transfer, demotion, suspension, or summary discharge of employee.**

Sec. 501. (1) There is created a nonpartisan agency to be known as the senate fiscal agency to be of service to the appropriations committee of the senate and other members of the senate. The senate fiscal agency shall be governed by a board of 5 members, including the majority and minority leaders of the senate, the chairperson of the appropriations committee of the senate and 2 other members of the appropriations committee of the senate to be appointed by the chairperson of the appropriations committee with the concurrence of the majority leader of the senate, 1 from the minority party.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (3), a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the senate fiscal agency in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with 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.

(3) An employee of the agency shall not reveal to any person who is not an employee of the senate fiscal agency the contents or nature of any bill, substitute, amendment, resolution, special report, or proposal not yet published unless the employee has the consent of the member who is sponsoring or requesting the bill, substitute, amendment, resolution, special report, or proposal. A bill shall not be considered published until it is introduced. A substitute, an amendment, or a conference report shall be considered published when received by the secretary of the senate, clerk of the house of representatives, or both, as is appropriate. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Special report" means a report that is requested by a member of the senate to be prepared by the senate fiscal agency. A special report shall not be considered published until it is authorized for release by the member of the senate requesting the report.

(b) "Proposal" means a plan or an activity which is under consideration by a member of the senate. A proposal shall not be considered published until it is authorized for release by the member of the senate requesting the preparation of the proposal.

(4) Persons employed by the senate fiscal agency shall be nontenured, at-will employees. The governing board of the senate fiscal agency may discipline, transfer, demote, suspend, or summarily discharge an employee.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

CHAPTER 6  
HOUSE FISCAL AGENCY.

**4.1601 House fiscal agency; creation; purpose; governing committee; availability of writings to public; confidentiality; definitions; financial statements; employees as nontenured, at-will employees; discipline, transfer, demotion, suspension, or summary discharge of employee.**

Sec. 601. (1) There is created a nonpartisan agency to be known as the house fiscal agency to be of service to the appropriations committee of the house of representatives and other members of the house of representatives.

(2) The house fiscal agency shall be governed by a governing committee. The members of the governing committee are as follows:

(a) If the house of representatives is controlled by co-speakers pursuant to a joint leadership agreement between republican and democratic members of the house of representatives, the following 8 members of the house of representatives:

- (i) The co-speakers.
- (ii) The co-chairpersons of the appropriations committee.
- (iii) The co-vice-chairpersons of the appropriations committee.
- (iv) The co-floor leaders.

(b) If the house of representatives is controlled by a single speaker, the following 6 members of the house of representatives:

- (i) The speaker of the house.

- (ii) The minority leader.
- (iii) The chairperson of the appropriations committee.
- (iv) The minority vice-chairperson of the appropriations committee.
- (v) The majority floor leader.
- (vi) The minority floor leader.

(3) If the house of representatives is controlled by co-speakers pursuant to a joint leadership agreement between republican and democratic members of the house of representatives, the co-chairpersons of the house appropriations committee are the co-chairpersons of the governing committee of the house fiscal agency. The co-chairpersons of the governing committee of the house fiscal agency shall alternate as chairperson of the governing committee. The democratic co-chairperson of the house appropriations committee shall preside as chairperson in months during which the presiding officers of the house of representatives are republican and the republican co-chairperson of the house appropriations committee shall preside as chairperson in months during which the presiding officers of the house of representatives are democratic. If the house of representatives is controlled by a single speaker, the chairperson of the house appropriations committee is the chairperson of the governing committee of the house fiscal agency.

(4) The governing committee of the house fiscal agency shall meet quarterly. In addition to the quarterly meetings, the governing committee shall meet within 7 days upon request of 2 or more members of the governing committee made to the co-speakers or speaker of the house.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6), a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the house fiscal agency in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(6) An employee of the house fiscal agency shall not reveal to any person who is not an employee of the house fiscal agency the contents or nature of any bill, substitute, amendment, resolution, special report, or proposal not yet published unless the employee has the consent of the member who is sponsoring or requesting the bill, substitute, amendment, resolution, special report, or proposal. A bill shall not be considered published until it is introduced. A substitute, an amendment, or a conference report shall be considered published when received by the secretary of the senate or the clerk of the house of representatives, or both, as is appropriate. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Special report" means a report that is requested by a member of the house of representatives to be prepared by the house fiscal agency. A special report shall not be considered published until it is authorized for release by the member of the house of representatives requesting the report.

(b) "Proposal" means a plan or an activity that is under consideration by a member of the house of representatives. A proposal shall not be considered published until it is authorized for release by the member of the house of representatives requesting the preparation of the proposal.

(7) The director of the house fiscal agency shall provide quarterly financial statements of the financial affairs of the house fiscal agency. The quarterly financial statements shall be submitted to the members of the governing committee and the house of representatives not later than 30 days after each calendar quarter.

(8) Persons employed by the house fiscal agency shall be nontenured, at-will employees. The governing committee of the house fiscal agency may discipline, transfer, demote, suspend, or summarily discharge an employee.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986;—Am. 1993, Act 24, Imd. Eff. Apr. 14, 1993;—Am. 1999, Act 95, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1999.

## CHAPTER 7 MICHIGAN CAPITOL COMMITTEE

### **4.1701 Michigan capitol committee; creation; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancy; action by concurring majorities; conducting business at public meeting; notice of meeting; availability of writings to public.**

Sec. 1701. (1) The Michigan capitol committee is created. The Michigan capitol committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) Four members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, 1 from the minority party.
- (b) Four members of the house appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 from the minority party.
- (c) Four members appointed by the governor from the executive branch of government.

(2) Each appointed member of the Michigan capitol committee shall serve at the pleasure of the official who appointed the member. The term of office of each member appointed by the governor shall be 2 years. Members appointed to represent the legislature shall serve 2-year terms ending at the end of the legislative

biennium. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. All members may be reappointed.

(3) Action by the Michigan capitol committee shall only be taken by concurring majorities of the committee members from the senate, the house of representatives, and the appointees from the executive branch of government.

(4) The business which the Michigan capitol committee may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the Michigan capitol committee 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. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(5) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Michigan capitol committee in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with 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:** Add. 1987, Act 123, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1987.

**Compiler's note:** In the first line of this section, "Sec. 1701" evidently should read "Sec. 701".

#### **4.1702 Michigan capitol committee; recommendations to Michigan state capitol commission; powers and duties; advisory committees; limitation on authority; definitions.**

Sec. 1702. (1) The Michigan capitol committee shall advise and make recommendations to the Michigan state capitol commission regarding the restoration and preservation of the state capitol building and the management, operation, development, construction, renovation, maintenance, and repair of the state capitol building and the grounds of the Michigan state capitol historic site.

(2) In carrying out the powers and duties prescribed under subsection (1), the Michigan capitol committee shall do all of the following:

(a) Develop and recommend written procedures for the operation of the Michigan capitol committee.

(b) Make recommendations to the Michigan state capitol commission regarding the implementation of all permanent physical changes to be made in or on the capitol building and all physical changes to be made on the grounds of the Michigan state capitol historic site.

(c) Make recommendations to the Michigan state capitol commission regarding the implementation of a state capitol building master plan.

(d) Make recommendations to the Michigan state capitol commission regarding public and private financial support for the development, construction, renovation, and preservation of the state capitol building and the grounds of the Michigan state capitol historic site.

(e) Make recommendations to the Michigan state capitol commission regarding the selection, design, and placement of statues, memorials, trees, and plants on the grounds of the Michigan state capitol historic site.

(3) The Michigan capitol committee may appoint advisory committees when it considers advisory committees beneficial or of assistance to the Michigan capitol committee.

(4) The Michigan capitol committee shall not make recommendations regarding the internal decisions of the senate or the house of representatives as they relate to the allocation of space in the state capitol building or the state capitol building parking lot, including legislative or staff offices.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) "Michigan state capitol commission" means the Michigan state capitol commission established in section 5 of the Michigan state capitol historic site act.

(b) "Michigan state capitol historic site" means the Michigan state capitol historic site established in section 4 of the Michigan state capitol historic site act.

**History:** Add. 1987, Act 123, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1987;—Am. 2013, Act 241, Eff. Mar. 14, 2014.

**Compiler's note:** In the first line of this section, "Sec. 1702" evidently should read "Sec. 702".

Enacting section 1 of Act 241 of 2013 provides:

"Enacting section 1. (1) Section 205 of the legislative council act, 1986 PA 268, MCL 4.1205, is repealed.

"(2) Upon repeal of section 205 of the legislative council act, 1986 PA 268, MCL 4.1205, as provided in subsection (1), any money in the legislative council parking fund created in that section is transferred to the state capitol parking fund created in section 9 of the Michigan state capitol historic site act."

## CHAPTER 7A

### **4.1751-4.1753 Repealed. 2007, Act 96, Eff. Sept. 30, 2010.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections pertained to definitions, legislative commission on government efficiency, and reports.

CHAPTER 7B

**4.1781-4.1783 Repealed. 2007, Act 98, Eff. Sept. 30, 2010.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections pertained to definitions, legislative commission on statutory mandates, and reports.

CHAPTER 8

COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.

**4.1801-4.1807 Repealed. 1988, Act 100, Eff. Oct. 1, 1992.**

CHAPTER 9

REPEALS.

**4.1901 Repeal of MCL 4.311 to 4.327.**

Sec. 901. Act No. 412 of the Public Acts of 1965, being sections 4.311 to 4.327 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is repealed.

**History:** 1986, Act 268, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 1986.

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