



SENATE BILL No. 1076

March 24, 1994, Introduced by Senators DINGELL and
WELBORN and referred to the Committee on Family Law,
Mental Health, and Corrections

A bill to establish an assault weapons commission to pre-
scribe its powers and duties to provide for the appointment of
its members and to provide for its dissolution

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT

1 Sec 1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "assault weapons commission act"

3 Sec 2 As used in this act

4 (a) "Commission" means the assault weapons commission cre-
5 ated in section 3

6 (b) "Department" means the department of state

7 Sec 3 The assault weapons commission is created within
8 the department The commission is an autonomous entity and shall
9 exercise its powers and perform its duties independently of the
10 department, except for budgeting, procurement, and related
11 management functions

1 Sec 4 The commission shall be composed of the following
2 members

3 (a) Two members representative of an organization that
4 opposes the strict regulation of the possession of firearms 1 of
5 whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and
6 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives

8 (b) Two members representative of an organization that sup-
9 ports strict regulation of firearms, 1 of whom shall be appointed
10 by the majority leader of the senate and 1 of whom shall be
11 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives

12 (c) Two persons not representative of an organization
13 described in subdivision (a) or (b) appointed by the majority
14 leader of the senate

15 (d) Two persons not representative of an organization
16 described in subdivision (a) or (b) appointed by the speaker of
17 the house of representatives

18 (e) Two members representative of a state law enforcement
19 agency or agencies, appointed by the governor

20 (f) One member of the public appointed by the governor

21 Sec 5 (1) The governor shall appoint a member of the com-
22 mission to be chairperson of the commission

23 (2) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same
24 manner as the original appointment

25 (3) The governor may remove a member of the commission from
26 office in accordance with section 10 of article V of the state
27 constitution of 1963 Each appointed member of the commission

1 shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for all
2 necessary travel and other expenses incurred in performing com-
3 mission duties

4 Sec 6 The commission shall do each of the following

5 (a) Meet upon the call of the chairperson

6 (b) Hold hearings at times and at places the commission
7 designates

8 (c) Hold its meetings pursuant to the open meetings act, Act
9 No 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15 261 to
10 15 275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

11 (d) Make recommendations to reduce or prevent the unlawful
12 use of assault weapons within the state

13 (e) Upon request, disclose to the public information
14 obtained by the commission pursuant to this act that is not
15 exempt from public disclosure under the freedom of information
16 act, Act No 442 of the Public Acts of 1976 being sections
17 15 231 to 15 246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

18 (f) Within 1 year after the effective date of this act,
19 submit a report to the governor the majority leader of the
20 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the leg-
21 islature that identifies the specific types of weapons and fire-
22 arms being used in the commission of crime within the state

23 Sec 7 The commission is dissolved upon submitting the
24 report required under subdivision (f), or upon the expiration of
25 1 year after the effective date of this act, whichever occurs
26 first