

HOUSE BILL No. 5929

March 20, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Sheen, Knollenberg, Calley, Hoogendyk, Palmer, Garfield, Agema, Stakoe, Pearce, Palsrok, Emmons, Hansen, Horn, Stahl, Nitz, Opsommer, Amos, Hune, Gaffney, Steil, Polidori, Marleau, Green, Casperson, Pastor, Rick Jones, Nofs, Meltzer, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Booher and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to provide for a waiting period and publication before the legislature may vote on certain appropriation- or revenue-related bills.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "72-
2 hour budget review act".

3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Amendment" means any proposed change in a bill.

5 (b) "Appropriation-related bill" means any bill authorizing an
6 appropriation of funds for state operating, capital, or
7 transportation expenses.

8 (c) "Publicly available" means that a bill or amendment has
9 been posted on the legislature's website and published in a bill
10 report, committee report, or conference report.

1 (d) "Revenue-related bill" means any bill raising revenue for
2 operating, capital, or transportation expenses.

3 (e) "Striking amendment" means any amendment removing
4 everything after the title of the bill and inserting a whole new
5 bill.

6 Sec. 5. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
7 legislature shall not hold a hearing or vote on an appropriation-
8 or revenue-related bill until 72 hours after the bill is made
9 publicly available. This 72-hour time period excludes Saturdays,
10 Sundays, or holidays unless the legislative body considering the
11 bill is in session on that day.

12 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an amendment
13 offered to an appropriation- or revenue-related bill shall not be
14 considered unless made publicly available 24 hours prior to any
15 vote. This 24-hour time period excludes Saturdays, Sundays, or
16 holidays unless the legislative body considering the bill is in
17 session on that day.

18 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a striking
19 amendment offered to an appropriation- or revenue-related bill
20 shall not be considered unless made publicly available 48 hours
21 prior to any vote. This 48-hour time period excludes Saturdays,
22 Sundays, or holidays unless the legislative body considering the
23 bill is in session on that day.

24 (4) The provisions of this act apply each time a new version
25 of an appropriation- or revenue-related bill is considered.

26 (5) The provisions of this act for hearings or votes may be
27 waived upon a 2/3 vote of the full committee or legislative body

1 considering the appropriation- or revenue-related bill. If a bill
2 is adopted under this subsection, the following shall be added to
3 the text of the bill and the bill report: "The (insert legislative
4 body/committee) has waived the people's right for a detailed review
5 of this bill as required by the "72-hour budget review act"."