

HOUSE BILL No. 4301

February 17, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Darany, Constan, Liss, Lindberg, Tlaib, Byrum,
Geiss, Olumba and Brown 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 money for state operating, capital, or
7 transportation expenses.

8 (c) "Publicly available" means that the 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 entirely new
5 provisions.

6 Sec. 5. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
7 legislature shall not vote on an appropriation- or revenue-related
8 bill until 72 hours after the bill is made publicly available. This
9 72-hour time period excludes Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays unless
10 the legislative body considering the bill is in session on that
11 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 before any vote.
15 This 24-hour time period excludes Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays
16 unless the legislative body considering the bill is in session on
17 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 before 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) This act applies each time a new version of an
25 appropriation- or revenue-related bill is considered.

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

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