

**MICHIGAN WOMEN'S COMMISSION**  
**Act 1 of 1968**

AN ACT to establish a Michigan women's commission; and to prescribe its powers and duties.

**History:** 1968, Act 1, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Michigan Women's Commission from the Department of Management and Budget to the Director of the Department of Civil Rights as head of the department, see E.R.O. No. 1991-20 compiled at MCL 37.111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**10.71 Michigan women's commission; establishment, ex-officio membership; unit in executive office of the governor.**

Sec. 1. The Michigan women's commission is established and consists of 15 members broadly representative of all fields of interest to women. The heads of the following departments or their representatives are ex officio members of the commission: civil service, education, labor and social services. The commission is an independent unit in the executive office of the governor, except for budgeting, procurement and related management functions.

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For transfer of the Michigan women's commission from the department of civil rights to the department of labor and economic opportunity and some membership revisions, see E.R.O. No. 2020-3, compiled at MCL 37.113.

**Transfer of powers:** See MCL 18.22.

**10.72 Members; appointment, term, vacancies, officers, expenses.**

Sec. 2. The governor shall appoint by and with the advice and consent of the senate the members of the commission for terms of 3 years, except that of the members first appointed, 5 each shall be appointed for terms of 1, 2 and 3 years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments and for the balance of the unexpired term. The governor shall designate a chairman and a vice-chairman from the members of the commission. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the commission. The commission may appoint such other officers as it deems necessary. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed only for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**History:** 1968, Act 1, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.

**10.72a Conducting business at public meeting; notice; availability of writings to public.**

Sec. 2a. (1) The business which the women's commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance with 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.

(2) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the women's commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 187, Imd. Eff. June 4, 1978.

**10.73 Powers and duties.**

Sec. 3. The commission shall:

- (a) Stimulate and encourage throughout the state study and review of the status of women in this state.
- (b) Strengthen home life by directing attention to critical problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers and workers.
- (c) Recommend methods of overcoming discrimination against women in public and private employment and civil and political rights.
- (d) Promote more effective methods for enabling women to develop their skills, continue their education, and to be retrained.
- (e) Make surveys and appoint advisory committees in the fields of, but not limited to, education, social services, labor laws and employment policies, law enforcement, health, new and expanded services, legal rights, family relations and volunteer services.
- (f) Secure appropriate recognition of women's accomplishments and contributions to this state.

**History:** 1968, Act 1, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.

**10.74 Acceptance of federal funds, private gifts and donations.**

Sec. 4. The commission may accept federal funds granted by congress or executive order for all or any of the purposes of this act as well as private gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations or foundations: Provided, That the acceptance and use of federal funds commits no state funds and places no obligation upon the legislature to continue the purposes for which the funds are made available.

**History:** 1968, Act 1, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.

**10.75 Cooperation of state agencies.**

Sec. 5. The commission shall have the full cooperation of all executive departments and agencies of the state in the performance of its duties.

**History:** 1968, Act 1, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.

**10.76 Annual report to governor.**

Sec. 6. The commission shall submit an annual report to the governor including recommendations based on its studies.

**History:** 1968, Act 1, Eff. Nov. 15, 1968.

**10.77 Promulgation of rules and regulations.**

Sec. 7. The commission shall have no authority to promulgate rules and regulations.

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