

Lobbying 2.0

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SFAD - Who We Are

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SFAD - What We Do

- Follow member-developed Core Principles and Legislative Agenda
- Testify before legislative committees
- Meet with legislators and staff
- Work with various State Departments and other interest groups as new policies are developed and implemented
- Provide information for you to talk with legislators
- Staff five internal issue committees

SFAD - Committee Process

- Staff five internal issue committees:
 - 1. Energy, Environment and Technology
 - 2. Land Use and Economic Development
 - 3. Municipal Finance
 - 4. Municipal Services
 - 5. Transportation and Infrastructure
- Review legislation
- Make recommendations to the League's board of trustees, which then reviews the policy positions



The Michigan Legislature...

Makes decisions daily that impact communities

- 4,000 bills introduced each session on average; 2/3 will affect your municipality
- Michigan is one of only a handful of states with a true fulltime legislature
- You have year-round access to your state legislators

The League at Work for You

...in Washington, D.C.

- Monitor federal legislation and budget that impacts communities
- Meet with congressional leaders and staff in Washington D.C.
- Work with the National League of Cities on legislative efforts
 - www.nlc.org



Day of a Legislator

- Face hundreds of issues daily, majority of which are complex and they may have little background in
- Always at work, whether in District or in Lansing
- Lobbyist for nearly every special interest
- Meet with many lobbyists each day
- In the age of term limits, lobbyists also educators
- Exactly why local officials must be proactive in educating their lawmakers



Local Concerns are Complex



- Financial concerns
- Aging infrastructure
- Economic factors
- Personnel and human resources issues
- Again, many legislators have little experience with local issues = Be An Active Voice!

Help Us Help You

Stay Informed

- mml.org
- Inside 208 blog
- Sign-up on mml.org to receive action alerts, issue advisories and the weekly Legislative Link e-Newsletter
- Tell us when issues arise in your community
- Tell us when you will be in Lansing



on Eriday, January 21, and following

Relationships with Lawmakers

- Make it a priority to develop relationships with your legislators
- Talk regularly during legislative session on key issues
- Meet with them in district
- Let them know your priorities
- Build relationships with their staff
- Get connected with them on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc).



Say "Thank You"

- Thank legislators and the governor when they help your community
- Ways to express gratitude:
 - Simple phone call
 - Favorable remarks at local functions
 - Acknowledgments on cable television, etc.
 - News releases
 - Press events
 - Council resolutions
 - Public letters



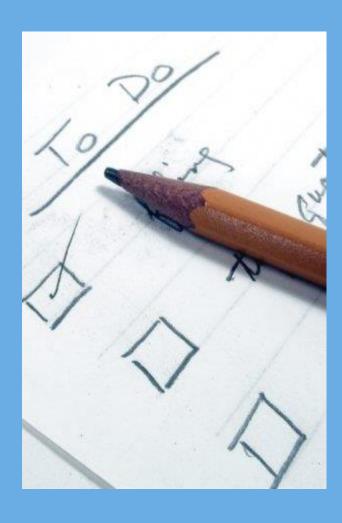
Invite Lawmakers to Town



- Invite them to local meetings
- Host roundtable discussions

- Provide opportunities for lawmakers to address local officials and the public
- Get them on your local T.V. stations, radio talk shows and in the newspapers

Constant Contact



- Both when there is an issue and when there is not.
- Put your issues at the top of their "todo" list:
 - Contact legislators frequently and repeatedly
 - Phone, email, letters (use our online Action Center for info.)
 - Never assume they know your position

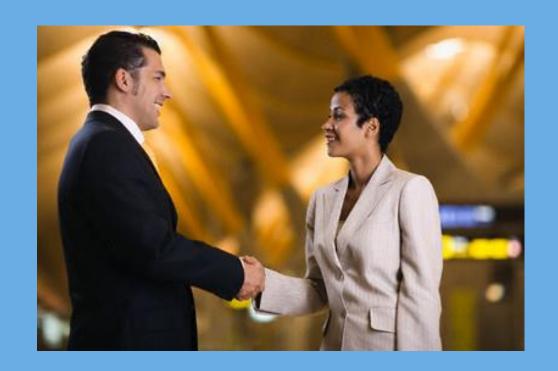
Strength in Numbers

- Build Coalitions
- Coalitions get the Legislature's attention
- Other communities, associations, local groups can be effective allies
- An opponent on one issue may be an ally on another



Be Active with the League

- Visit Lansing and spend time in our Capital Office!
- Attend League events like Capital Conference
- Build relationships with your legislators
- Testify before legislative committees
- Respond to League action alerts



Michigan Legislature Website

Becoming familiar with legislation and the Michigan Legislature's website:

<u>www.legislature.mi.gov</u>

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MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

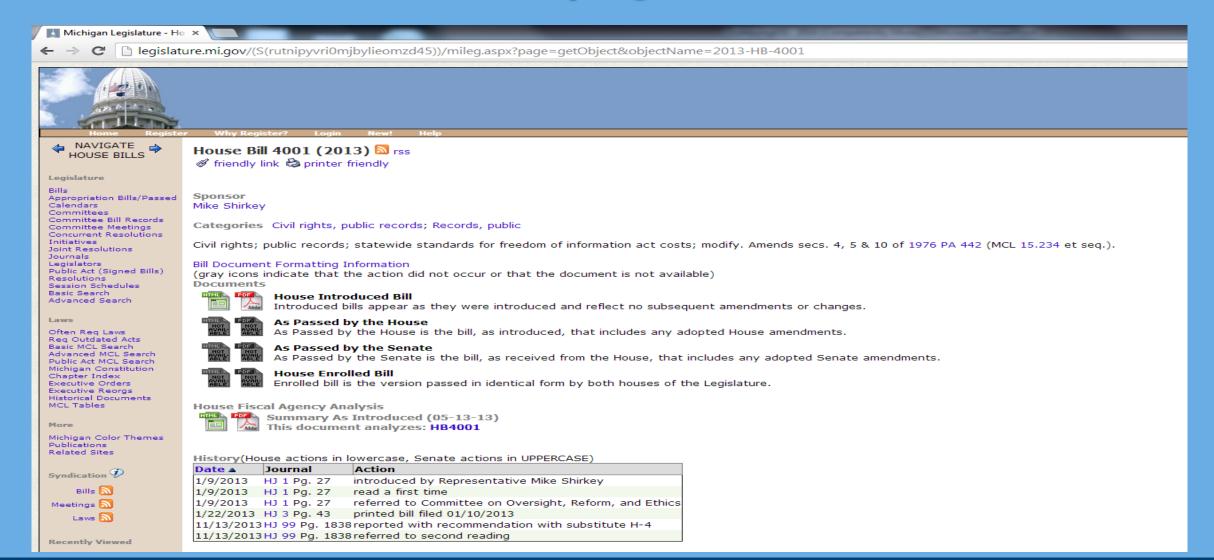
96th Legislature Regular Session

Michigan Compiled Laws Complete Through PA Compiled through Act 87 and includes 89-140 of 2011 House: Adjourned until Tuesday, September 20, 2011 1:30:00 PM

Welcome! Legislature Bills A free service of the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Calendars Committee Bill Records Legislative Bill Search Committee Meetings Bill Number (current session) Bill Key Word Search (current session) Concurrent Resolutions Search Search Initiatives Joint Resolutions (ex. "4001" or " 4001-4005") (ex. "environment") Journals Legislators Michigan Compiled Laws Search Public Acts (Signed Bills) Resolutions MCL Section MCL Key Word Search Session Schedules Search Search Basic Legislative Search (ex. "2.29" or "8.40-8.50") (ex. "tenant") Adv Legislative Search Laws Often Reg Laws Legislative Activity How do I... Red Repealed Acts Today's Calendars ...get notified when a bill status changes? Basic MCL Search Today's House Meetingsfind a Public Act? Advanced MCL Search Today's Senate Meetings ...find a bill from a prior session? Public Act MCL Search House Audio/Video ...get help when I can't find what I'm looking for? Michigan Constitution Senate Audio/Video Chapter Index Recent Bill Activity Executive Orders Daily Intro/Passed/Enrolled Executive Reorganization Historical Documents Related Sites MCL Tables Michigan House Michigan Senate More Contact your Representative Contact your Senator Color Picker **Publications**

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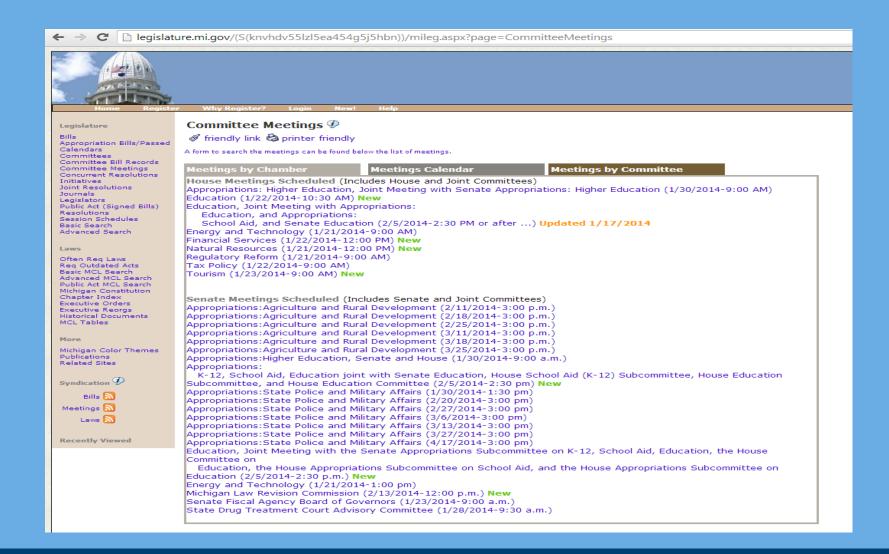
Bill & Versions - Webpage



Bill History - Webpage

Date A	Journal	Action
6/14/201	1 HJ 55 Pg.	1435 introduced by Representative Matt Huuki
6/14/201	1 HJ 55 Pg.	1435 read a first time
6/14/201	1 HJ 55 Pg.	1435 referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation
6/15/201	1 HJ 56 Pg.	1444 printed bill filed 06/15/2011
6/16/201	1 HJ 57 Pg.	1461 reported with recommendation without amendment
6/16/201	1 HJ 57 Pg.	1461 referred to second reading
6/16/201	1 HJ 57 Pg.	1462 read a second time
6/16/201	1 HJ 57 Pg.	1462 placed on third reading
6/22/201	1 HJ 59 Pg.	1510 read a third time
6/22/201	1 HJ 59 Pg.	1510 substitute H-3 adopted
6/22/201	1 HJ 59 Pg.	1510 passed; given immediate effect Roll Call # 212 Yeas 85 Nays 25
6/22/201	1 HJ 59 Pg.	1510 transmitted
6/22/201	1 SJ 57 Pg.	1581 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND GREAT LAKES
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1981 REPORTED FAVORABLY WITH SUBSTITUTE S-4
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1981 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE EFFECT
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1981 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH SUBSTITUTE S-4
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1958 REPORTED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FAVORABLY WITH SUBSTITUTE S-5
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1958 SUBSTITUTE S-5 CONCURRED IN
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1958 PLACED ON ORDER OF THIRD READING WITH SUBSTITUTE S-5
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1958 RULES SUSPENDED
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1958 PLACED ON IMMEDIATE PASSAGE
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1960 PASSED; GIVEN IMMEDIATE EFFECT ROLL CALL # 433 YEAS 26 NAYS 12 EXCUSED 0 NOT VOTING (
6/30/201	1 SJ 61 Pg.	1960 INSERTED FULL TITLE
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 returned from Senate with substitute S-5 with immediate effect and full title
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 laid over one day under the rules
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 rule suspended
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 Senate substitute S-5 concurred in
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 Roll Call # 292 Yeas 85 Nays 23
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 full title agreed to
6/30/201	1 HJ 63 Pg.	2046 bill ordered enrolled
7/27/201	1 HJ 64 Pg.	2072 presented to the Governor 7/6/2011 @ 3:56 PM
7/27/201	1 HJ 64 Pg.	2080 approved by the Governor 7/20/2011 @ 9:48 AM
7/27/201	1 HJ 64 Pg.	2080 filed with Secretary of State 7/20/2011 @ 1:18 PM
7/27/201	1 HJ 64 Pg.	2080 assigned PA 113'11 with immediate effect

Legislative Committee Meetings - Webpage



How to read a Bill - Webpage

HOUSE BILL No. 4001

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January 9, 2013, Introduced by Rep. Shirkey and referred to the Committee on Oversight

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled

"Freedom of information act,"

by amending sections 4, 5, and 10 (MCL 15.234, 15.235, and 15.240), as amended by 1996 PA 553.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 4. (1) A public body may charge a fee for a public record
- search, the necessary copying of a public record for inspection, or
- for providing a copy of a public record. Subject to subsections (B)
- and (4) AND SECTION 5(8), the fee shall be limited to actual
- 5 mailing costs; , and to the actual incremental cost of duplication
- 6 or publication including labor, NOT TO EXCEED 10 CENTS PER PAGE;
- 7 the cost of search, examination, AND review; and the deletion and
- 8 separation of COST OF DELETING AND SEPARATING exempt from nonexempt
- 9 information as provided in section 14. A PUBLIC BODY SHALL PERMIT

Bold language

Stricken language

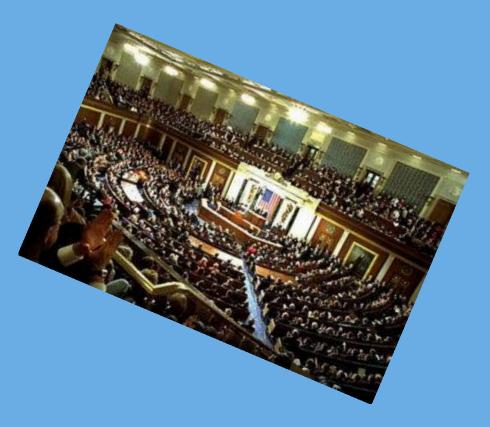
New acts

• Single vs. multi-section bills

Don't Forget Congress

U.S. Reps. And Sens. Need to Hear from you Too!

- Phone calls, emails, Capitol Hill visits
- Invite senators and representatives to your community when they are in town.
- Visit face-to-face on Capitol Hill
- https://www.congress.gov/



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Questions?