

HOUSE BILL No. 4637

April 19, 2001, Introduced by Rep. Tabor and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and the Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1982 PA 294, entitled
"Friend of the court act,"
(MCL 552.501 to 552.535) by adding section 17f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 17F. (1) IF A RECIPIENT OF SUPPORT OR PAYER FILES WITH
2 THE COURT A POSTJUDGMENT MOTION TO TRANSFER THE DOMESTIC RELA-
3 TIONS MATTER TO A DIFFERENT COUNTY OFFICE, THE COURT SHALL TRANS-
4 FER THE CASE IF THE COURT FINDS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

5 (A) THE TRANSFER IS REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF THE RESIDENCE
6 AND CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES OR ON THE BASIS OF ANOTHER GOOD
7 CAUSE CONSISTENT WITH THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS.

8 (B) NEITHER PARTY RESIDED IN THE COUNTY OF CURRENT JURISDIC-
9 TION FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE MOTION IS FILED.

1 (C) AT LEAST 1 PARTY HAS RESIDED IN THE COUNTY TO WHICH THE
2 TRANSFER IS REQUESTED FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE MOTION IS
3 FILED.

4 (D) THE COUNTY TO WHICH THE TRANSFER IS REQUESTED IS NOT
5 CONTIGUOUS TO THE COUNTY OF CURRENT JURISDICTION.

6 (2) THE COURT MAY CHARGE A FEE OF \$20.00 TO FILE A MOTION
7 UNDER THIS SECTION. THE COURT SHALL WAIVE THE FILING FEE FOR AN
8 INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL AS PROVIDED IN THE MICHIGAN COURT RULES.

9 (3) IF THE COURT TRANSFERS A DOMESTIC RELATIONS MATTER, THE
10 TRANSFERRING OFFICE SHALL SEND TO THE RECEIVING OFFICE ALL
11 RECORDS RELATED TO THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS MATTER.