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12:00 noon.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the state of Michigan, the Senators of the 98th Legislature of the state of Michigan assembled in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol at Lansing this day (being the second Wednesday of January 2015), at twelve o'clock noon, and were called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Brian N. Calley.

Pastor Wayne Muri of Lakeshore Baptist Church of Grand Haven offered the following invocation:

Dear Lord, God in heaven, I rejoice today as I stand in these hallowed chambers that we live in a nation and a state where government exists as righteous barriers to lawlessness and chaos. I'm humbled and thankful to represent the King of kings and the Lord of lords among those who rule on earth. I am thankful that You raised up men and women who are willing to maintain the peace and judiciously administer what is highest and best for our noble state.

I pray today at the opening session of this sovereign government body that everyone in this room recognize their need to depend upon You for the knowledge and the wisdom and the courage to do what is right and just. I pray that they would stand strong against enticements to violate their oath to the people, and they would resist all pressure to put their own interests above the interests of their constituents.

I pray that they would all comport themselves with dignity and honor and trustworthiness as they conduct the affairs of state. I pray that they would win not only the respect and admiration of the people of this state, but that they would set an example for state governments everywhere to emulate.

I pray, most of all, that each member of this noble body would remember that at the end of the day, they are responsible not just to the voters or the State Constitution, but, more importantly, to Almighty God, who knows every thought and every intent of every heart.

I pray these things in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow filming and photographs to be taken from the Gallery. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., the guests and families of the Senators, photographers, and the Secretary of the Senate admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Kowall moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m. The motion prevailed.

Certified List of Senators

The following communication was received and read:
Department of State

November 24, 2014

Enclosed, please find a certified listing of the candidates elected to the office of State Senator at the November 4, 2014 general election. A copy of the official returns certified for the election is also provided for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Thomas
Director of Elections

United States of America

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State and Custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, certify that the persons named on the attached listing were duly elected at the November 4, 2014 General Election to the Office of State Senator for a term commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on January 1, 2019, as shown by the official returns certified for the election and placed on file in this office.

[SEAL]

In witness whereof, I have hereto attached my signature and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, on November 24, 2014.

Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State

Members-Elect of the Senate

District	Party	Name	Address
1	Dem	Coleman A. Young II	269 Walker Street, Suite 438, Detroit 48207
2	Dem	Bertram C. Johnson	36 McLean Street, Highland Park 48203
3	Dem	Morris W. Hood III	8872 Cloverlawn Street, Detroit 48204
4	Dem	Virgil K. Smith	P.O. Box 21032, Detroit 48221
5	Dem	David Knezek	P.O. Box 867, Dearborn Heights 48127
6	Dem	Hoon-Yung Hopgood	25953 Labana Woods Drive, Taylor 48180
7	Rep	Patrick J. Colbeck	P.O. Box 871583, Canton 48187
8	Rep	Jack M. Brandenburg	37596 Huron Pointe Drive, Harrison Township 48045
9	Dem	Steven M. Bieda	P.O. Box 1311, Warren 48108
10	Rep	Tory Rocca	12481 Starlite Court, Sterling Heights 48312
11	Dem	Vincent Gregory	19578 San Jose Boulevard, Lathrup Village 48076
12	Rep	James A. Marleau	3181 Sandoval Drive, Lake Orion 48360
13	Rep	Marty Knollenberg	5064 Christy Court, Troy 48098
14	Rep	David B. Robertson	P.O. Box 181, Grand Blanc 48480
15	Rep	Michael W. Kowall	2333 Cumberland Drive, White Lake 48383
16	Rep	Mike Shirkey	11757 Sutfin Road, Clarklake 49234
17	Rep	Dale W. Zorn	P.O. Box 2, Ida 48140
18	Dem	Rebekah L. Warren	234 8th Street, Ann Arbor 48103
19	Rep	Michael L. Nofs	5420 Beckley Road #350, Battle Creek 49015
20	Rep	Margaret E. O'Brien	1625 Bellaire Avenue, Portage 49024
21	Rep	John M. Proos	2695 Hillview Lane, Saint Joseph 49085
22	Rep	Joseph R. Hune	P.O. Box 357, Hamburg 48139
23	Dem	Curtis Hertel, Jr.	2747 Southwood Drive, East Lansing 48823
24	Rep	Rick Jones	P.O. Box 115, Grand Ledge 48837
25	Rep	Phillip J. Pavlov	1577 S. Allen Road, Saint Clair 48079

26	Rep	Tonya Schuitmaker	29924 60th Avenue, Lawton 49065
27	Dem	James Ananich	932 Maxine Street, Flint 48503
28	Rep	Peter MacGregor	8209 Vista Royale Lane, NE, Rockford 49341
29	Rep	David S. Hildenbrand	P.O. Box 1075, Grand Rapids 49501
30	Rep	Arlan B. Meekhof	9128 Oak Creek Lane, West Olive 49460
31	Rep	Michael Green	1500 E. Blackmore Road, Mayville 48744
32	Rep	Kenneth B. Horn	516 S. Main Street, Frankenmuth 48734
33	Rep	Judith K. Emmons	506 E. Carson City Road, Sheridan 48884
34	Rep	Goeffrey M. Hansen	4635 N. 68th Avenue, Hart 49420
35	Rep	Darwin L. Booher	P.O. Box 971, Evart 49631
36	Rep	Jim Stamas	P.O. Box 592, Midland 48640
37	Rep	Wayne A. Schmidt	P.O. Box 25, Traverse City 49685
38	Rep	Thomas A. Casperson	P.O. Box 545, Escanaba 49829

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate-elect.

District	Name	District	Name
1st	Coleman A. Young II	20th	Margaret E. O'Brien
2nd	Bertram C. Johnson	21st	John M. Proos
3rd	Morris W. Hood III	22nd	Joseph R. Hune
4th	Virgil K. Smith	23rd	Curtis Hertel, Jr.
5th	David Knezek	24th	Rick Jones
6th	Hoon-Yung Hopgood	25th	Phillip J. Pavlov
7th	Patrick J. Colbeck	26th	Tonya Schuitmaker
8th	Jack M. Brandenburg	27th	James Ananich
9th	Steven M. Bieda	28th	Peter MacGregor
10th	Tory Rocca	29th	David S. Hildenbrand
11th	Vincent Gregory	30th	Arlan B. Meekhof
12th	James A. Marleau	31st	Michael Green—excused
13th	Marty Knollenberg	32nd	Kenneth B. Horn
14th	David B. Robertson	33rd	Judith K. Emmons
15th	Michael W. Kowall	34th	Goeffrey M. Hansen
16th	Mike Shirkey	35th	Darwin L. Booher
17th	Dale W. Zorn	36th	Jim Stamas
18th	Rebekah L. Warren	37th	Wayne A. Schmidt
19th	Michael L. Nofs	38th	Thomas A. Casperson

The Secretary of the Senate-elect announced that 37 Senators having answered the roll call, a quorum of the Senate was present.

Senator Kowall moved that Senator Green be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Oath of Office

The foregoing named Senators took and subscribed to the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered by Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., and entered upon the performance of their duties as Senators.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902(A) be suspended to allow the guest of Senator Hune admittance to the Senate floor.
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

Senator Kowall offered the following resolution:
Senate Resolution No. 1.

A resolution notifying the Governor and the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Resolved by the Senate, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the Governor and the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is present and that the Senate is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Brandenburg, Hansen, Horn, Knollenberg, MacGregor, O'Brien, Proos and Stamas were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Kowall offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 2.

A resolution for the adoption of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate, That the following rules be and are hereby adopted as the Standing Rules of the Senate:

**SENATE RULES
CHAPTER I - SECTION 1
SENATE ORGANIZATION**

1.101 PRESIDING OFFICER

a) The Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate and shall preside over all sessions of the Senate or, in his or her absence, the President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, or Associate President pro tempore shall preside.

b) The Lieutenant Governor may vote only when the Senators are equally divided in their vote (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 25).

c) In the absence of the President of the Senate, President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, or Associate President pro tempore, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside until the Senate shall appoint a Senator to act as presiding officer or until the President of the Senate, President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, or Associate President pro tempore shall appear. In the absence of all, or all but one Senator, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside.

1.102 AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

a) The presiding officer shall call the Senate to order at the hours provided by the Constitution, by these rules, or at the hour established by the Senate at its last meeting.

b) Unless Rule 1.205 b) is in effect, following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary of the Senate to record the attendance. The attendance roll call shall be taken by using the electronic voting system for one (1) minute, except for the first session in January or if the electronic voting system is not operational, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll orally and record and announce the results.

1.103 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE'S CONTROL WITHIN THE CHAMBER

The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control within the Chamber. During every session of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms is under the direct supervision of the presiding officer. Every question of order and procedure shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to an appeal by the Senate.

1.104 ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

a) A President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, and Associate President pro tempore shall be elected by a vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving. They shall be elected at the first session of a quadrennium. All officers elected by the Senate are to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified or until the expiration of their term, whichever occurs first.

b) Prior to the commencement of the quadrennium session, the majority party shall meet in an organizational caucus and elect a Majority Leader, Majority Floor Leader, Majority Whip, Majority Caucus Chairperson, Assistant Majority Leader, Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Assistant Majority Whip, and Assistant Majority Caucus Chairperson. At a similar organizational caucus, the minority party shall elect a Minority Leader, Minority Floor Leader, Minority Whip, Minority Caucus Chairperson, Assistant Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Assistant Minority Whip, and Assistant Minority Caucus Chairperson.

c) All majority party Senate Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the majority party caucus. All minority party Senate Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the minority party caucus.

d) All majority and minority caucuses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act (see MCL 15.268).

1.105 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

a) The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint all committees except when the Senate shall otherwise order. The Senate Majority Leader may appoint subcommittees of standing committees when some of the members of that subcommittee are not also members of that standing committee. Such subcommittees shall contain at least one (1) majority member and one (1) minority member who are members of that standing committee and shall have at least one (1) more majority party member than minority party member.

b) The Senate Majority Leader shall make appointments of minority party members from a list submitted by the Senate Minority Leader, and shall consider the preferences, seniority, and experience of the members in making appointments. The Senate Majority Leader may accept the list submitted by the Senate Minority Leader in whole or in part. If the Senate Majority Leader rejects names on the list and their corresponding committee assignments, the Senate Minority Leader shall submit replacement nominations.

c) All appointments to standing and select committees and subcommittees appointed by the Senate Majority Leader shall be subject to the approval of the Senate given by a majority of the Senators elected and serving. All appointments to conference committees shall be effective upon appointment by the Senate Majority Leader until disapproved by the Senate given by a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

1.106 ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

A Secretary of the Senate shall be elected as an officer of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate shall take and subscribe to the Constitutional Oath of Office for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office. The Secretary of the Senate is responsible for the constitutional and statutory duties of this office and is also authorized to sign papers, forms, documents and contracts on behalf of the Senate.

1.107 SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Secretary of the Senate, or a member of the staff of the Secretary of the Senate, shall serve as the Senate Parliamentarian to advise the Senate on questions relating to parliamentary law and procedure.

1.108 SENATE BROADCAST AND WEBCAST

The Secretary of the Senate, with the concurrence of the Senate Majority Leader, is authorized to broadcast and webcast Senate session.

1.109 SENATE JOURNALS

a) The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a correct Journal of each day's proceedings of the Senate, supervise its publication, and make corrections from day to day as may be necessary. During the consideration and passage of appropriation bills, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to correct totals that may have been affected by amendments made to items in the bill. The corrections shall be made in the bill and the Journal.

b) The Secretary of the Senate shall have the Journal made available online to the offices of the President of the Senate and Senators daily, and shall make the Journal available to the general public.

c) When the Senate goes into Executive Session, the proceedings of the Senate shall be kept in a separate Journal, which shall be open to inspection by Senators only, unless otherwise ordered. Such Journal shall be published after the close of the session, at the end of the regular Journals of the Senate proceedings, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

1.110 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

a) All bills and joint resolutions to be introduced shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate to be available for introduction on the next succeeding Senate legislative day, and accompanied by eight (8) true copies. Once submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, all bills and joint resolutions become the property of the Senate and cannot be withdrawn. Each bill, conference report, substitute bill and joint resolution shall be approved as to form and numbering of sections by the Legislative Service Bureau prior to being submitted for introduction. Bills and joint resolutions may be submitted for introduction during the interim between sessions.

b) Each Senate bill and joint resolution when introduced and each House bill and joint resolution when first received from the House shall be read a first and second time by title.

c) Senators may move to co-sponsor a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution when it is in possession of the Senate and not in a Senate committee. The first named member is the sponsor. After final passage of a Senate bill or adoption of a Senate joint resolution, or upon final action on a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution returned from the House, the presiding officer may open the voting board to allow Senators to add their names as co-sponsors. A sponsor or co-sponsor may move to remove his or her name from a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution when it is in possession of the Senate and not in a Senate committee, provided that at least one Senator remains listed as the sponsor.

1.111 NUMBERING, LETTERING AND PRINTING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

a) The Secretary of the Senate shall assign Senate bill numbers to all Senate bills in the order they are submitted for introduction. All joint resolutions shall be assigned letters in the order they are submitted for introduction.

b) The Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the printing or reproduction of all bills, joint resolutions, acts, or documents ordered printed or reproduced by the Senate. The heading of every bill and joint resolution ordered reproduced shall contain the number of the bill or letter of the joint resolution, name of the Senator or Senators introducing the bill or joint resolution, date of introduction, and the name of the committee to which the bill or joint resolution is referred (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

1.112 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRINTING AND ENROLLMENT OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The Secretary of the Senate shall print in the Journal each day the number of all Senate and House bills and letters of all joint resolutions which have been printed or reproduced and distributed to the offices of the President of the Senate and Senators, and the numbers of the Senate bills which have been enrolled and presented to the Governor.

1.113 CARE AND PRESERVATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible to the Senate for the care and preservation of every bill and resolution introduced in the Senate and each bill and resolution received from the House, which responsibility shall only be relieved by a receipt from an authorized person.

1.114 ENROLLMENT OF BILLS AND PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNOR

a) After a Senate bill has passed both Houses, the Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the enrollment printing. The Secretary of the Senate shall present the enrolled bill to the Governor, obtaining a receipt, on which the exact date and time shall be shown for the bill deposited in the Executive Office.

b) The Secretary of the Senate may be authorized by a motion to enroll a Senate bill while the Senate is not in session if that bill has passed both Houses and no action is pending. The Secretary of the Senate shall notify the Senate of such action on the next Senate legislative day.

c) When a Senate bill is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate shall obtain a receipt from the Governor's office verifying the exact date and time the bill was filed with the Secretary of State. At the end of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall deposit with the Secretary of State the official printed copy of the Senate bill as passed by both Houses and obtain a receipt.

1.115 ENROLLMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS

a) After a Senate joint resolution has been adopted by both Houses, the Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the enrollment printing. The Secretary of the Senate shall certify and file the enrolled joint resolution with the Secretary of State and others as directed by the joint resolution.

b) The Secretary of the Senate may be authorized by a motion to enroll a Senate joint resolution while the Senate is not in session if that joint resolution has been adopted by both Houses and no action is pending. The Secretary of the Senate shall notify the Senate of such action on the next Senate legislative day.

c) When filing an enrolled Senate joint resolution with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate shall obtain a receipt verifying the exact date and time filed. At the end of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall deposit with the Secretary of State the official printed copy of the Senate joint resolution as adopted by both Houses and obtain a receipt.

1.116 BILL AND RESOLUTION HISTORY

The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a record and index of all bills and resolutions received by the Senate. This record shall include the title, bill or resolution number, joint resolution letter, name of the sponsor and co-sponsor(s) introducing the bill or resolution, name of the committee to which the bill or resolution is referred, and an entry of all action, including the date, taken on the bill or resolution.

1.117 SENATE ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE BUDGETS

a) The Senate Majority Leader shall assign duties to Senate employees not specified by other rules, and shall have final approval authority for all expenses for the operation of the Senate, except as provided by law.

b) In the absence of the Senate Majority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Senate Majority Leader.

c) The Secretary of the Senate shall create a budget with the concurrence of the Senate Majority Leader, discuss it with the Senate Minority Leader and present it to the Committee on Appropriations at the beginning of each budget year. The form of the budget shall parallel, as closely as practical, the departmental budgets presented to the Committee on Appropriations.

d) The Senate financial records shall be open for public inspection. Upon a request that describes the financial record sufficiently to enable the Senate to find the financial record, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of that financial record of the Senate. Documents shall be available for inspection during normal business hours. The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a record of these requests. A copy of the Senate financial records shall be on file with the Secretary of the Senate, who shall have overall authority to administer the Senate financial records under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader. The Secretary of the Senate shall provide to each Senator access to information regarding the status of the Senator's staff account, office operations account, and committee operations account for any standing committee that he or she chairs. The Senate Majority Leader shall have access to the reports for the accounts of all Senators.

1) The Secretary of the Senate shall serve as the Senate Information Officer to respond to requests for Senate financial records from the public and the media on behalf of a Senator or the Senate. All requests must include the first and last name, mailing address, and phone number of the requester. When the Secretary of the Senate receives a written request for a public record, the Secretary shall immediately, but not more than five (5) business days after the day the request is received unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the person making the request, respond to the request by one (1) of the following:

A) Grant the request.

B) Issue a written notice to the requesting person denying the request.

C) Grant the request in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person denying the request in part.

D) Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than ten (10) business days the period during which the Senate shall respond to the request. The Senate shall not issue more than one (1) notice of extension for a particular request.

If the Senate fails to respond to the written request within these guidelines, there will be a fine of \$250 and all Senate copying and inspection fees shall be waived.

2) As used in this section, “financial record” means a budget, account, contract, purchase order, an expenditure authorization, voucher, check, warrant, lease, audit report, balance sheet, travel voucher, or other such summaries of financial transactions. The following information contained in Senate financial records is exempt from disclosure under this rule:

A) Information of a personal nature contained in financial records where the public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual’s privacy. Such exempt information would include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) An employee’s social security account number, financial institution record, electronic transfer fund number, deferred compensation, savings bonds, W-2 and W-4 forms, and any court enforced judgment.

(ii) An employee’s benefit selection.

(iii) Telephone bill detail including the telephone number and name of individual called.

(iv) Unemployment compensation and workers’ disability compensation records.

B) Records and information specifically described and exempted from disclosure under statute or subject to attorney-client privilege.

C) A bid or proposal by a person to enter into a contract or agreement, until the time for the public opening of bids or proposals, or if a public opening is not to be conducted, until the time for the receipt of bids or proposals has expired.

D) Commercial or financial information or trade secrets voluntarily provided to the Senate for use in developing government policy if submitted upon a promise of confidentiality by the Senate.

E) Communications, notes, and electronic data within the Senate or between the Senate and other public bodies of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to the final Senate determination of policy or action.

3) The Senate may charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of a financial record. The fee shall be limited to actual mailing costs and to the actual incremental cost of duplication or publication including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt information from nonexempt information.

4) The Senate may also charge a reasonable fee for providing for the inspection of financial records. This fee may include the actual incremental cost of supervising the inspection including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt information from nonexempt information.

The Senate may adopt any such other rules and policies as are necessary to provide for the orderly dissemination of materials to the public.

e) Each Senator shall be allotted separate budget amounts for the annual staff account and the annual office operations account, as determined by the Senate Majority Leader, to be used on a fiscal year basis. Each standing committee chairperson shall be allotted a separate budget amount for the annual committee operations account, as determined by the Senate Majority Leader. The amounts allocated to these accounts may be adjusted for all Senate offices by the Senate Majority Leader. Any unused amount in a fiscal year shall not be carried into the succeeding year. A Senator shall not exceed the annual limits for each of these accounts without approval of the Senate Majority Leader.

f) The Senate Majority Leader shall establish guidelines to allow Senators to transfer a limited amount of funds between their own staff account and their office operations account.

1.118 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

a) With the approval of the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate shall appoint a staff to conduct the business of the Senate.

b) The Secretary of the Senate shall exercise supervisory care and control of the Senate Chamber, all Senate rooms, corridors, furniture, and equipment. Upon approval of the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate shall purchase all necessary furniture, carpet, equipment, postage, supplies, and services for use by the Senate.

c) The Secretary of the Senate shall install and maintain any equipment approved for use by the Senate.

d) The Secretary of the Senate shall have responsibility for the development and maintenance of a system for preserving records of the Senate and its committees. The Secretary of the Senate shall issue guidelines for the organization and preservation of these records.

e) The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for keeping the Senate seal and for affixing the Senate seal to official Senate documents, as authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. The Senate seal shall be comprised of the coat of arms of the State of Michigan encompassed by the words: “Senate - State of Michigan”.

f) The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain a schedule of Senate committee rooms.

g) The Secretary of the Senate shall make and maintain an official tape of all sessions of the Senate. Copies of the official tape shall be made only upon application approved by the Senate Majority Leader. All official tapes of the Senate sessions shall be transferred to the State Archives four years following the end of each biennial session of the Senate.

h) The Secretary of the Senate shall compile and maintain a list of appointments by the Governor subject to the advice and consent power of the Senate. This list shall contain the name and function of the office, the holder of the office, the date of appointment, and the expiration date of the officeholder’s term. This list shall be posted on the Senate Website.

i) The Secretary of the Senate shall compile and maintain a list of the appointments that the Senate Majority Leader or the Senate Minority Leader are authorized to make to various boards and commissions. This list shall contain the name and function of the office, the holder of the office, the date of appointment, and the expiration date of the officeholder’s term. This list shall be posted on the Senate Website.

1.119 DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

a) The Sergeant at Arms shall be the chief security officer of the Senate. Under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate shall supervise and direct the work of the Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Sergeants at Arms, and may commission the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms, who meet the certification requirements of this state, as law enforcement officers with the powers provided under the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act (see MCL 4.381-4.382).

b) The Sergeant at Arms shall attend the Senate during its sessions and maintain order under the direction of the presiding officer. The Sergeant at Arms shall execute the commands of the presiding officer and of the Senate, and all processes issued by authority thereof.

c) The Sergeant at Arms shall have general charge, and maintain order, in the gallery, Chamber, and committee rooms of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms shall see that all staff and visitors are seated.

1.120 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made and carried that the Senate go into executive session, the presiding officer shall direct all persons, except Senators, the Secretary of the Senate, and personnel as authorized by the Senate, to withdraw. The vote of a majority of the Senators voting shall be required on a motion for executive session, except for executive sessions called under Rule 2.104. During an executive session, the doors shall remain closed and every Senator and officer shall keep confidential all proceedings and matters enjoined by order of the Senate (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 20).

**CHAPTER I - SECTION 2
MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES****1.201 OATH OF OFFICE**

The oath of office to Senators-elect shall be administered following the November general election up to and including the first day of regular session, or as soon thereafter as a Senator-elect may appear. The oath shall be administered by the Lieutenant Governor, a Justice of the Supreme Court, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, or the Secretary of the Senate (see Const. Art. 11, Sec. 1).

1.202 CONTESTED ELECTIONS

a) A petition for a recount shall be filed not later than forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the canvass of the votes cast at an election. A copy of the petition shall be given by the contestant to the Secretary of the Senate (see MCL 168.879). Notice of receipt of the petitions shall be announced by the Secretary of the Senate and printed in the Journal.

b) Each contestant requesting a recount shall deposit with the Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections, the amount provided by law for each precinct in which he or she has requested a recount (see MCL 168.881).

c) Upon completion of a recount, the Board of State Canvassers shall forward a report of the results to the Secretary of the Senate and the report shall be announced by the Secretary of the Senate and printed in the Journal (see MCL 168.879).

d) In the case of two (2) or more persons having equal and the highest number of votes for any office, as canvassed by the Board of State Canvassers, the Board of State Canvassers shall certify the result of the canvass to the Legislature and in joint convention the Legislature shall choose one of said persons to fill the office. When the determination of the Board of State Canvassers is contested, the Legislature in joint convention shall decide which person is elected (see MCL 168.846).

1.203 PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUSION

a) A Senator-elect shall not be given the oath of office or seated as a Senator if he or she has been convicted of subversion or has, within the preceding twenty (20) years, been convicted of a felony involving breach of the public trust (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 7) or has within the preceding twenty (20) years, been convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of public trust and that conviction was related to the person's official capacity while the person was holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state, or federal government (see Const. Art. 11, Sec. 8). Upon finding by a majority vote of the Senators elected and serving that a Senator-elect has committed an offense within the provisions of this rule, he or she shall be declared to be unqualified for membership in the Senate and his or her office declared vacant.

b) Questions arising from challenges to the elections or returns of its members shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 16). In cases of contested elections or returns, notice setting forth the grounds of the contest shall be given by the contestant to the Secretary of the Senate not later than January 7 following the general election, or not later than twenty (20) days following the special election.

c) The Senate, with concurrence of two-thirds of its members elected and serving, may expel a member. The reasons for such expulsion shall be printed in the Journal (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 16).

1.204 EXCUSED ABSENCE

The Senate may excuse any Senator from attendance for any stated period, and the excused absence shall be printed in the Journal. The Senate may revoke an excuse at any time.

1.205 SENATORS DEEMED PRESENT UNLESS EXCUSED

a) A Senator who answers an attendance roll call or who enters after an attendance roll call and reports his or her presence to the Secretary of the Senate shall be considered present thereafter unless an excused absence is granted.

b) A Senator may be recognized prior to the invocation and the attendance roll call only for the purpose of presenting a motion to adjourn. Should such a motion to adjourn prevail, there shall be no official invocation and attendance roll call for that day.

1.206 COMPENSATION FOR SENATORS

The compensation of Senators is determined by the State Officers Compensation Commission, as provided by law. Senators shall not collect from the Senator's staff account any compensation, expense allowance, or mileage reimbursement.

1.207 FACILITIES FOR SENATORS

Each Senator shall be entitled to facilities, equipment, furnishings, and expenses that are necessary to fulfill the duties of office. The location of facilities and the sufficiency of equipment, furnishings, and expenses shall be determined through guidelines issued by the Senate Majority Leader.

1.208 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Expense reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, registration fees, and related items shall be made in accordance with an established set of regulations as determined and published by the Senate Majority Leader. The regulations shall set forth the guidelines for amounts, methods of payment, and time of payment for such items. When, in the judgment of the Senate Majority Leader, the regulations need revision, the Senate Majority Leader may make the revision upon fifteen (15)-day notice to all Senators. The regulations shall include the following:

a) Out-of-state expenses of a Senator, or Senate employee, shall not be paid by the Senate unless a written request has been approved by the parties specified in the regulations and by the Senate Majority Leader, and has been filed with the Secretary of the Senate prior to departure.

b) The request shall state the purpose for making the trip, the relevance of the trip to legislative matters, and an estimate of the cost.

c) A Senator, or Senate employee, shall file a written and signed post-travel report with the Secretary of the Senate not more than twenty (20) calendar days after returning. These reports shall be retained by the Secretary of the Senate until no longer required by law. If a report is not filed within twenty (20) calendar days after returning, expenses may not be reimbursed by the Senate. Senate funds received in advance of departure shall be returned in full if the report is not filed within twenty (20) calendar days after returning. The report shall include a summary of the relevant legislative information, material pertinent thereto, and itemized expenditures.

d) An expenditure for travel by a Senator, or Senate employee, shall not be paid by the Senate unless that expenditure is itemized and receipted (except in cases in which receipts are not ordinarily provided).

e) Expenses for out-of-state travel by Senators shall be printed in the Journal on a quarterly basis.

f) A Senator, or an employee of a Senator, shall not incur out-of-state travel expenses after the Senator is defeated in a Senate primary or general election, or upon the failure of the Senator to file for election while serving the balance of his or her unexpired term, unless approved by the Senate Majority Leader.

1.209 MAILING

a) The mailing or printing at Senate expense of any personal or campaign material is prohibited.

b) A Senator, or committee of the Senate, shall not use state funds to mail one thousand (1,000) or more pieces of substantially similar material thirty (30) days or less before a primary or general election, in which the Senator is a candidate. This rule does not apply if the mailing is a summary of a ballot proposal and is approved by the Senate Majority Leader.

c) The Senate shall not make payment for a mass mailing sent outside the district of the Senator making the mailing. In determining whether a violation of this rule has occurred, recognition shall be given to established mass mailing techniques.

d) The Senate Majority Leader shall develop and disseminate guidelines for printing and mass mailing.

e) The cost of pieces mailed by a Senator which were paid for by Senate funds shall be tabulated and recorded by the Secretary of the Senate.

CHAPTER I - SECTION 3 LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT AND ETHICS

1.301 LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT

Each Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

1.302 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

Every Senator is expected to vote on each roll call vote, unless absent or prohibited from voting by Rule 1.306. A Senator who misses a roll call vote may request that a vote intention be printed in the Senate Journal reflecting how he or she would have voted.

1.303 IMPROPER INFLUENCE

A Senator shall not accept anything that will influence his or her official act, decision, or vote.

1.304 CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT

A Senator shall not allow any personal employment to impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties.

1.305 UNDUE INFLUENCE

A Senator shall not use his or her influence in any matter that involves substantial conflict between his or her personal interest and his or her duties in the public interest.

1.306 DISCLOSURE AND DISQUALIFICATION

A Senator having a personal, private, or professional interest in a bill, of which he or she has knowledge, shall not vote on the bill and shall disclose in writing his or her interest in the bill. A personal, private, or professional interest in a bill is an interest that would provide a benefit particular to a Senator or a benefit particular to any individual or entity to whom the Senator is financially or legally obligated or is personally related. The disclosure shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate to be printed in the Journal immediately following the record of the vote on the bill. If a Senator votes on a bill that might appear at the time of the vote to provide a benefit particular to that Senator or a benefit particular to any individual or entity to whom the Senator is financially or legally obligated or is personally related, a Senator may submit a statement explaining his or her reasons for voting. The statement shall be printed in the Journal.

1.307 SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of Senators and Senate employees is prohibited and will not be tolerated by the Senate. The Senate Majority Leader shall establish a Senate Majority Leader policy to implement this prohibition.

1.308 SENATE EMPLOYEES AND CONFLICTS

Senate employees, including those elected by the Senate or those employees specifically provided for by other Senate rules, shall be accountable to the intent of Chapter I - Section 3 where applicable.

1.309 IMPROPER USE OF STAFF AND FACILITIES

a) A Senator shall not convert for personal, business and/or campaign use, unrelated to Senate business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

b) Personal business and incidental campaign calls, when charged to the state, are clearly contrary to the proper use of these facilities.

c) Personal and business calls must be charged to the caller's residence telephone, personal credit card, special billing number or made from a cellular telephone or pay station. Individuals making unreimbursed personal calls from state facilities shall be subject to appropriate sanctions.

d) In situations where it is not possible to utilize any of the methods outlined above to make a personal call, or when other incidental expenses are incurred, the Senate's operating procedure shall allow reimbursement to the State of Michigan for such calls and expenses.

1.310 ADVISORY OPINIONS

All questions relating to the interpretation and enforcement of these rules concerning legislative conduct and ethics shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations. A Senator who has a question regarding legislative conduct and ethics may submit a factual situation to the Committee on Government Operations with a request for an advisory opinion establishing the standard of public duty. The Committee shall respond to each inquiry. All opinions shall, after hearing, be numbered, dated, and printed in the Journal. No opinion shall identify the requesting Senator without his or her consent.

1.311 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

If a Senator is alleged to have violated the provisions of the rules regulating ethics and conduct, the Committee on Government Operations shall determine if the facts underlying the allegation are sufficient to merit a hearing. If a hearing is held, the Senator charged with a violation shall be given notice and granted the opportunity to appear at the hearing and be represented by counsel. The determination and any disciplinary action shall be made and taken only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators elected and serving on recommendation of the Committee on Government Operations. A Senator determined to have violated the provisions of the rules regulating ethics and conduct may be reprimanded, censured, or expelled. Any actions undertaken under this section shall be separate from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law.

**CHAPTER I - SECTION 4
SENATE EMPLOYEES****1.401 EMPLOYEES OF EACH SENATOR**

a) All Senators may appoint necessary staff in accordance with Senate rules and subject to policies established by the Senate Majority Leader. These employees shall be directly responsible to the Senator. A Senator shall not appoint any employee who is related within the first degree of consanguinity or direct affinity to any Senator elected or serving. A Senator shall not appoint any employee who is related within the second or third degree of consanguinity or direct affinity to any Senator elected or serving without permission of the Senate Majority Leader.

b) A person shall not begin employment nor receive any compensation until a Senator has provided the Secretary of the Senate with the necessary information about the employee.

c) A Senate employee shall not convert for personal, business and/or campaign use, unrelated to Senate business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

d) Personal business and incidental campaign calls, when charged to the state, are clearly contrary to the proper use of these facilities.

e) Personal and business calls must be charged to the caller's residence telephone, personal credit card, special billing number or made from a cellular telephone or pay station. Individuals making unreimbursed personal calls from state facilities shall be subject to appropriate sanctions.

f) In situations where it is not possible to utilize any of the methods outlined above to make a personal call, or when other incidental expenses are incurred, the Senate's operating procedure shall allow reimbursement to the State of Michigan for such calls and expenses.

1.402 COMMITTEE CLERKS

Clerks for standing committees (except for the Appropriations Committee) shall serve under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader. The person designated as committee clerk must perform all duties established by the State Constitution and Senate rules and must attend committee clerk training sessions provided by the Secretary of the Senate.

1.403 EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint employees as may be necessary for the work of the Senate. The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint minority staff employees from a list submitted by the Senate Minority Leader.

1.404 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

a) Compensation for Senate employees shall be established by each Senator within the limits of the budget guidelines in accordance with Senate rules and subject to policies issued by the Senate Majority Leader.

b) The Senate general fund shall not provide more than two (2) benefit packages for the staff of each minority Senator or more than four (4) benefit packages for the staff of each majority Senator unless otherwise determined by the Senate Majority Leader.

1.405 EMPLOYEES AS CANDIDATES

Any Senate employee who files a nominating petition or pays a fee for ballot access or files an affidavit of candidacy for a full-time elective office shall be placed on an unpaid leave of absence.

1.406 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The Senate Majority Leader shall have the right to terminate the services of any employee and the pay of the employee shall stop on the day of dismissal. This rule shall not apply to any employee elected by the Senate or those employees specifically provided for by other Senate rules.

CHAPTER II - SECTION 1 COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

2.101 AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Permanent standing committees and commissions of or appointed by the Senate, when created by rule of the Senate, shall exist and function both during and between sessions (see MCL 4.221). Permanent standing committees and commissions of or appointed by the Senate may by resolution perform and exercise such powers and authority in the interim between sessions as shall be delegated to such committees or commissions in said resolution(s).

2.102 POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEES

a) Any Senator, while acting as a member of a committee, shall have authority to administer oaths to such persons as shall be examined before the committee of which he or she is a member (see MCL 4.85).

b) Any committee may, by resolution of the Senate, be authorized to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and examine the books and records of any persons, partnerships, or corporations involved in a matter properly before any committee (see MCL 4.101).

c) Any witness, or attorney representing a witness, may be punished for contempt by the Legislature (see MCL 4.82 and 4.101), under either of the following circumstances:

1) During a committee investigation and pursuant to a committee subpoena, he or she:

a) Refuses to be sworn or testify, or

b) Fails on demand to produce any papers, books, or documents in regards to any matter under investigation, or

c) Otherwise neglects or refuses to obey the committee subpoena.

2) He or she is guilty of deliberately interfering with the duties and powers of the Legislature while in attendance at a committee hearing.

d) Contempt of the Legislature shall be punishable as provided by law (see MCL 4.82 and 4.83).

2.103 STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the Senate shall be:

Agriculture (5 members)

Appropriations (17 members)

Banking and Financial Institutions (7 members)

Commerce (5 members)

Economic Development (7 members)

Education (5 members)

Elections and Government Reform (5 members)

Energy and Technology (10 members)
 Families, Seniors and Human Services (5 members)
 Finance (7 members)
 Government Operations (5 members)
 Health Policy (10 members)
 Insurance (9 members)
 Judiciary (5 members)
 Local Government (5 members)
 Michigan Competitiveness (5 members)
 Natural Resources (5 members)
 Outdoor Recreation and Tourism (5 members)
 Regulatory Reform (9 members)
 Transportation (5 members)
 Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security (5 members)
 Statutory standing committees:
 Administrative Rules (5 members) (see MCL 24.235)
 Legislative Council (6 members and 3 alternates) (see MCL 4.1103)
 Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees (2 members) (see MCL 38.1026)
 Michigan Capitol Committee (4 members) (see MCL 4.1701)

2.104 COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

a) All appointments to office submitted by the Governor, and any other executive business, shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations. No appointment shall be voted upon until it has been printed in the Journal.

1) Any appointment not disapproved within sixty (60) session days after receipt shall stand confirmed (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 6).

2) On all appointments to office reported favorably, the question shall be on advising and consenting to the appointment. On all appointments reported unfavorably or without recommendation, the question shall be on the disapproval of the appointment.

3) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving by record roll call vote shall be required to approve or disapprove any appointment to office submitted by the Governor. Any appointments considered by the Senate shall be in open session, unless a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall vote in favor of an executive session (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 19).

b) If an appointment is made at a time when the sixty (60) days would lapse during an extended recess of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader may schedule a session of the Senate for the sole purpose of carrying out the Senate's constitutional duties to advise and consent on gubernatorial appointments. The Senate Majority Leader shall notify the Secretary of the Senate at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the scheduled session. The Secretary of the Senate shall take all reasonable steps to notify the members of the Senate of the scheduled session.

c) Effective upon written notification to the Secretary of the Senate, the chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations may request a Senate standing committee to hold hearings and make written recommendations to the Committee on Government Operations on a gubernatorial appointment or an executive order. The Senate standing committee shall adopt by committee vote a recommendation to the Committee on Government Operations.

d) Executive orders issued by the Governor, except those dealing with matters of appropriations or expenditure reductions, shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations. Any executive order dealing with matters of executive reorganization may be disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each House within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt at a regular session, or a full regular session if of shorter duration. Unless disapproved within that time, the executive order shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the Governor (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 2).

e) Executive orders dealing with matters of appropriations or expenditure reductions shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations (see MCL 18.1391).

f) The Committee on Government Operations shall receive for review all reports presented by the legislative auditor general.

g) Effective upon written notification to the Secretary of the Senate, the chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations may request a Senate standing committee to hold hearings and make written recommendations to the Committee on Government Operations on an auditor general report. The Senate standing committee shall adopt by a committee vote a recommendation to the Committee on Government Operations.

2.105 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

a) The first named member of any committee shall be the chairperson, the second named member shall be the majority vice chairperson, and the remaining members of the committee shall rank in the order in which they are named. The first named member of the minority party shall be the minority vice chairperson. In the temporary absence of the chairperson

and majority vice chairperson, the highest ranking member in attendance shall act as chairperson. When all members of a subcommittee are also members of the standing committee, the committee chairperson shall appoint the subcommittee members.

b) In the apparent prolonged absence of a member of a committee, the Senate Majority Leader shall fill the vacancy by appointing a committee member who shall serve until the absent Senator returns. A temporary committee member shall not be appointed chairperson of the committee by the Senate Majority Leader.

2.106 CALLING OF A COMMITTEE

It shall be the duty of any committee to meet at the call of the chairperson, or on the written request of a majority of the members of the committee. The call or request must contain the date, time, and place of the meeting. No committee of any status shall sit during a session of the Senate, except during recess, unless leave is granted by the Senate. No committee shall use the Senate Chamber for a public hearing during any regular or special session of the Legislature.

2.107 NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) A committee may hold a meeting or public hearing on any bill or resolution referred to the committee and on any issue relevant to the subject matter of the committee. Notice of the meeting or hearing, its subject, date, time, and place, shall be given in writing to the Secretary of the Senate who shall print it in the Journal and on the Senate calendar and post it where appropriate (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 17). Oral announcement regarding a meeting or public hearing may be given to the Senate during a session by the chairperson, or a member, of the committee holding the meeting or public hearing.

b) Notice of all committee meetings and public hearings shall comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (see MCL 15.261-15.275).

2.108 COMMITTEE STAFFING

In addition to the allocation for staff as provided in Rule 1.117(e), the committee chairperson may appoint additional committee personnel as authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. The Senate Majority Leader may authorize joint utilization of personnel with the House of Representatives and may authorize the Senate to share in the cost.

2.109 COMMITTEE EXPENSES

No committee may receive reimbursement for expenses unless authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. A report of committee expenses, prepared by the chairperson and the Secretary of the Senate from the documents on file in the Secretary of the Senate's office and approved by the chairperson, shall be filed quarterly with the Secretary of the Senate. The report shall include the date, payee, amount, and purpose of the expenditure. The Secretary of the Senate shall print in the Journal that the expense report is on file and open for public inspection.

CHAPTER II - SECTION 2 COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

2.201 COMMITTEE QUORUM

A quorum of a committee is a majority of the committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of the committee members serving is required to adopt an amendment or substitute to a bill or resolution and to report any matter to the Senate. A member must be present at the time a roll call is taken for his or her vote to count toward the required majority concurrence.

2.202 COMMITTEE RECORDS

a) Each committee clerk shall keep a record of the assigned standing committee proceedings, including the date and time of each meeting, the committee members present and absent, and all action on bills and resolutions in the committee with the names and votes of members (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 17). A member of the committee wishing to explain his or her vote may file a written explanation with the clerk of the committee within two (2) legislative days after the vote is taken, which explanation shall be attached to the minutes. All minutes shall be available for public inspection during reasonable business hours. The committee record of its proceedings shall be transmitted biennially to the Secretary of the Senate within thirty (30) days of the final adjournment of the Legislature. The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for the storage of the committee minutes and records of its proceedings, which shall be available for public inspection upon request.

b) The committee clerk of each committee shall keep the committee files, recordings, tapes, records, memoranda, or written documents in storage cabinets which are separate from his or her other records. The committee clerk shall provide the Secretary of the Senate with the identification numbers of the storage cabinets containing the committee records. The Secretary of the Senate shall tag the designated storage cabinets and maintain a record of this information.

2.203 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) All committees shall file a report of their activities following each meeting. All reports shall be submitted on a form prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Senate. The reports shall include the date, time, and place of the committee meeting, the members in attendance, the vote of each committee member on any bill, resolution, or other business, and the committee's recommendation on immediate effect for any bill and shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate. The committee recommendation for immediate effect shall be considered on House bills at the time of Senate passage and on Senate bills upon their return from the House unless the Senate has previously given the bill immediate effect. All committees shall submit an attendance report to the Secretary of the Senate within two (2) Senate legislative days of the committee meeting. The Secretary of the Senate shall cause all committee reports and attendance reports to be printed in the Journal.

b) Except for a committee report recommending a substitute, any bill, resolution, or other business reported out of any committee shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate as soon as possible and not later than 4:00 p.m. on the next calendar day (excluding weekends and holidays). A committee report recommending a substitute shall be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. on the second calendar day (excluding weekends and holidays). The Secretary of the Senate shall have the authority to retrieve any report not filed by these deadlines.

c) If a bill, joint resolution or other business is reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to a second committee, the reported bill, joint resolution or other business, and any amendments, shall be referred to that committee in accordance with Rule 3.106.

d) All business not reported by a committee shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate at the conclusion of each biennium.

2.204 ITEMS REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

All items reported without recommendation, with or without amendments, by any committee shall lie on the table unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. To take from the table any item placed on the table in this manner shall require the vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

2.205 MANUAL OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The rules of parliamentary law and practice in the most recent edition of Mason's "Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall govern committee procedure in all cases except when they are inconsistent with the standing rules and published precedents of the Senate and its committees.

2.206 COMMITTEE TELEVISIONING, WEBCASTING AND CONDUCT

a) Senate committee meetings may be taped, televised live or webcast through the equipment operated by the Secretary of the Senate staff.

b) No person shall engage in any conduct during a Senate committee meeting which undermines the decorum of the meeting. All individual electronic devices during a committee meeting shall be turned off or left on non-audible alert. Failure to follow a warning issued by the chairperson may result in the device(s) being confiscated upon direction of the committee chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 1 ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.101 TIME OF SESSION

The Senate shall convene at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday except on state holidays, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

3.102 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business of the Senate shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Attendance Roll Call
5. Motions and Communications
6. Messages from the Governor
7. Messages from the House
8. Conference Reports
9. Third Reading of Bills
10. General Orders
11. Resolutions
12. Introduction and Referral of Bills
13. Statements
14. Adjournment

3.103 CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Senate may change, bypass, or return to any order of business at any time by the consent of a majority of those voting.

3.104 QUORUM OF THE SENATE

a) A majority of Senators elected and serving shall constitute a quorum (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 14).

b) Routine business on which no vote of the Senate is required may be disposed of on any day, with or without a quorum present, and proper entries shall be printed in the Journal.

c) In the absence of a quorum, a motion is in order to order a Call of the Senate, recess or adjourn.

3.105 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SENATE

The Secretary of the Senate shall compile official communications received by the Senate and shall make them available to all Senators. The presiding officer shall refer all communications which are informational only, to the Secretary of the Senate in one order for their printing in the Journal.

3.106 COMMITTEE REPORTS ON THE CALENDAR

a) All committee reports in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate shall be placed on the Senate calendar under the heading of Committee Reports. The Senate calendar shall be closed for printing at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If a Senate committee is scheduled to meet on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the Senate calendar for a Tuesday session shall be closed for printing at 9:30 a.m. on Monday. If there is a Friday session, the calendar shall be closed at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. If Monday is a state holiday, the Senate calendar for Tuesday shall be closed for printing on Friday at 12:00 noon.

b) A Senator may object to a committee report on the basis of its sufficiency or proper authorization. The presiding officer shall place the objection before the Senate for its decision.

c) All committee reports shall be laid over one (1) day. After one session day a committee report shall be considered accepted and the item shall be referred as appropriate.

3.107 RESOLUTION CONSENT CALENDAR

a) The Senate Majority Floor Leader and the Senate Minority Floor Leader or members who are their designees shall jointly compile a list to be known as the resolution consent calendar. It shall consist of Senate resolutions, Senate concurrent resolutions, and House concurrent resolutions which do not require committee referral and consideration, and the adoption of which may be accomplished by a majority of those voting. Resolutions which are subject to the voting requirements of Senate Rule 3.501, or governed by a voting requirement in statute, shall not be placed on the resolution consent calendar.

b) Resolutions on the consent calendar shall be disposed of in a single vote. Before stating the question of adoption of the consent calendar, the presiding officer shall ask if there are objections. The objection of any Senator to the placement of one (1) or more items on the resolution consent calendar shall result in the removal of the stated item or items from that calendar.

**CHAPTER III - SECTION 2
INTRODUCTION OF BILLS****3.201 FIVE DAYS' POSSESSION**

No bill shall be passed or become law at any regular session of the Legislature until it has been printed or reproduced and in possession of the Senate for at least five (5) days (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

3.202 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

All bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions returned by the House with amendments shall be laid over one (1) day. Consideration of bills and joint resolutions shall be resumed the following day under the same order of business. Consideration of resolutions shall be resumed the following day under the order of Resolutions.

3.203 REFERRAL OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

a) The Senate Majority Leader shall refer all bills and joint resolutions to a standing committee no later than one (1) Senate legislative day after being submitted to the Secretary of the Senate. The presiding officer shall announce the reference of all bills and joint resolutions.

b) A bill introduced pursuant to the timely filing of a notice of objection by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to a proposed administrative rule shall be read twice and placed on the Senate calendar under the order of business of General Orders (see MCL 24.245a(3)).

c) The Senate Majority Leader may change the original referral of a bill or resolution by oral notice to the Senate or written communication submitted to the Secretary of the Senate before the end of session on the next Senate legislative day following the day of the original referral. Notices of the written communication shall be announced by the Secretary of the Senate during session and both oral and written notifications shall be printed in the Journal.

d) It shall be in order at any time before the final passage of any bill or the adoption of any resolution to move its commitment or recommitment to committee.

e) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required to discharge a committee from further consideration of any item referred to that committee.

3.204 RESOLUTIONS

a) All resolutions shall be accompanied by nine (9) true copies. Resolutions which are not subject to provisions in other Senate rules shall be read once by title to the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Government Operations. Once submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, resolutions become the property of the Senate and shall remain in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate. Concurrent resolutions shall be transmitted to the House on adoption.

b) Once a resolution is submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, any Senator and the President of the Senate wishing to co-sponsor it shall complete a form provided by the Secretary of the Senate. A member must be present and specifically request to be named as a co-sponsor of a resolution. After adoption of a Senate resolution, the presiding officer may open the voting board to allow Senators to add their names as co-sponsors.

c) After a Senate concurrent resolution has been adopted by both Houses and is returned to the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to order the printing of the concurrent resolution unless amended by the House or otherwise directed by the Senate.

3.205 PRINTING

All bills and joint resolutions shall be printed or reproduced after introduction unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. No bill or joint resolution shall be reported from a standing committee until it has been printed or reproduced.

3.206 THE BILL TITLE

The title of a bill shall include:

- a) The object of the bill, and
- b) A reference to the section(s), act, and compilation numbers when amending any act which has been compiled.

3.207 THREE SEPARATE READINGS

Every bill and joint resolution shall receive three (3) separate readings prior to its being passed or adopted. The presiding officer shall announce whether it is the first, second, or third reading. The first and second readings may be by title only. The third reading of a bill or joint resolution shall be in full unless otherwise ordered unanimously by the Senate. The third reading of a bill or joint resolution shall be on a day subsequent to that on which it is read a second time or is reported by the Committee of the Whole (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

3.208 INITIATIVE PETITIONS

a) Initiative petitions received by the Secretary of the Senate from the Secretary of State shall be stamped with the date and time measured in hours and minutes. The Secretary of the Senate shall deliver the initiative petition to the Senate Majority Leader to be available for referral to committee on the next Senate legislative day (see Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9).

b) Each initiative petition, when introduced, shall be read a first and second time by title and referred to committee. When reported out of committee, each initiative petition shall be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

c) Any law proposed by initiative petition shall be either enacted or rejected by the Legislature without change or amendment within forty (40) calendar days from the time such petition is received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate (see Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9).

d) If the Senate rejects an initiative petition, the Senate may propose a different measure on the same subject by a yeas and nays vote on separate roll calls. If the different measure is passed by both Houses of the Legislature, both measures shall be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection at the next general election (see Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9).

CHAPTER III - SECTION 3 MOTIONS

3.301 RECOGNITION

The presiding officer shall recognize Senators to speak in the order in which they press their "request to speak" button, except when a Senator seeks recognition to introduce guests or to raise a point of order. A Senator, when recognized, shall address the presiding officer, standing at the microphone nearest to his or her desk.

3.302 PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

The following motions shall take precedence in the order listed:

1. To fix the time to which to adjourn
2. To adjourn
3. To take a recess
4. To lay on the table
5. For the previous question
6. To postpone to a day certain
7. To commit or recommit to committee
8. To amend
9. To postpone indefinitely

3.303 MOTION IN WRITING

No motion shall be debated until stated by the presiding officer or Chair. Any motion shall be reduced to writing on demand of the presiding officer, Chair or any Senator. The written motion shall be presented to the Secretary of the Senate and read before it is debated.

3.304 MOTION WITHDRAWAL

Any motion may be withdrawn by the maker of the motion before it is amended or adopted.

3.305 NONDEBATABLE MOTIONS

a) The motions to adjourn, to recess, to reconsider, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to suspend the rules, and all questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

b) A nondebatable motion is not in order if the Senator, making the motion, speaks immediately before offering the motion, except a member may explain an amendment and then move to withdraw it from consideration.

3.306 CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A RECESS

When a recess is taken during the pendency of any question, the consideration of the question shall be resumed on the reassembling of the Senate.

3.307 MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

A motion to lay on the table shall carry with it all pending subsidiary questions except in case of laying an appeal or a motion to reconsider on the table. A motion taken from the table shall be divested of all subsidiary motions except motions

to amend. The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required for a motion to remove any item from the table. Items laid on the table must first be removed from the table before they are eligible for further consideration by the Senate.

3.308 MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

a) Any Senator may move the previous question. The previous question shall be ordered by a majority of the Senators voting. The motion for the previous question may be limited by the mover to one or more of the questions preceding the main question. The effect of ordering the previous question shall be to close debate instantly, bringing the Senate to an immediate vote on the pending question or questions in their regular order. If the previous question is ordered on the third reading of a bill or joint resolution, only amendments to the bill or joint resolution that have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate prior to the motion calling for the previous question shall be considered, but the amendments shall not be debated. The yeas and nays may be demanded on any vote taken while the previous question is in effect.

b) A motion to reconsider is in order under operation of the previous question before voting is completed on all pending items affected by the previous question.

c) A motion for a Call of the Senate shall not be in order after the previous question has been ordered. No Senator shall dissent orally by making a statement of protest while the previous question is in effect. The previous question having been ordered, any question of order or appeal from the decision of the presiding officer shall be decided without debate.

3.309 MOTION TO DIVIDE

Any Senator may call for a division of the question. If supported by a majority of the Senators voting, the question shall be divided providing it contains propositions sufficiently distinct in substance that, if one is taken away, a substantive proposition remains for the decision of the Senate.

3.310 MOTION TO STRIKE OUT AND INSERT

A motion to amend by striking out and inserting other words shall be indivisible. However, the words proposed to be struck out or inserted may be amended.

3.311 MOTION TO RECONSIDER

a) No motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order unless:

1) The subject matter on which the vote was taken is in the possession of the Senate, and

2) It is made on the same day the vote is taken or within the next two (2) Senate legislative days.

b) The same question shall not be reconsidered more than once.

c) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required to reconsider the vote by which any bill or joint resolution was passed or adopted or the vote by which an amendment or substitute (but not an amendment to an amendment or a substitute) was adopted on Third Reading by the Senate.

d) A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table. The tabling of a motion to reconsider the vote by which any bill or joint resolution failed to pass or be adopted by the Senate shall require the vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving and shall postpone indefinitely the consideration of the bill or joint resolution.

e) Tabling of a motion to reconsider shall not carry with it the original question but shall be a refusal to reconsider. It shall not be in order to take from the table a motion to reconsider, nor shall the vote whereby any motion to reconsider was laid on the table be reconsidered.

3.312 INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT

To postpone indefinitely further consideration of any bill, resolution, or other matter shall require the vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving, and the vote on such a motion shall not be reconsidered.

3.313 MOTION FOR CALL OF THE SENATE

A Call of the Senate during session shall be ordered by a majority of the Senators voting whether a quorum or not. After a Call of the Senate is ordered, the doors shall be closed and the Senators shall not be permitted to leave the Senate floor without permission of the Senate. The roll of the Senate shall be taken by the Secretary of the Senate and the absentees noted. The Sergeant at Arms, or persons duly empowered by a majority of the Senators voting, may be dispatched and may arrest any or all of the Senators absent without leave.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 4 AMENDMENTS

3.401 TWO READINGS BEFORE AMENDMENT

No bill or joint resolution shall be amended until it has been read twice.

3.402 AMENDMENTS ON THIRD READING

a) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required to adopt any amendment on Third Reading.

b) If a series of amendments is offered to a bill or joint resolution and it becomes obvious the amendments are being used as a basis of obstruction, a motion may be made that the amendments be declared obstructive and the motion shall not be debatable. If the motion prevails, the amendments shall be read en bloc and a single vote shall be taken immediately on all of the amendments. In this case, no division of the question shall be allowed.

3.403 PRINTING OF AMENDMENTS IN THE JOURNAL

a) No bill or joint resolution which has been reported with amendment or amendments by any committee shall be considered in Committee of the Whole until the amendment or amendments have been printed in the Journal. No bill or

joint resolution amended in Committee of the Whole shall be considered on Third Reading of Bills until all amendments made in Committee of the Whole have been printed in the Journal.

b) All amendments shall be submitted in writing and with six (6) copies and all substitutes shall be submitted with five (5) copies.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 5 VOTING PROCEDURE

3.501 ACTIONS REQUIRING AN EXTRAORDINARY MAJORITY

Action by the Senate on the following matters shall require a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senators elected and serving except as otherwise noted:

- a) Amendment or Repeal of Initiated Law, three-fourths (3/4) of the Senators elected and serving (Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9)
- b) Expulsion of Member (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 16)
- c) Immediate Effect (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 27)
- d) Local or Special Act (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 29)
- e) Private or Local Purpose Appropriation (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 30)
- f) Overriding Veto (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 33)
- g) Bank and Trust Company Law (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 43)
- h) Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (Const. Art. 6, Sec. 1)
- i) Removal of Judge (Const. Art. 6, Sec. 25)
- j) State Borrowing (Const. Art. 9, Sec. 15)
- k) State Land Reserve Designation (Const. Art. 10, Sec. 5)
- l) Rejection or Reduction of Civil Service Pay Increases (Const. Art. 11, Sec. 5)
- m) Amendments to Michigan Constitution (Const. Art. 12, Sec. 1)
- n) Mackinac Bridge Bonds Refunding (Const. Schedule, Sec. 14)
- o) Amendments to increase the February 1, 1994 statutory limits on the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied for school district operating purposes, three-fourths (3/4) of the Senators elected and serving (Const. Art. 9, Sec. 3)

3.502 MAJORITY VOTE ON QUESTIONS SHORT OF THE FINAL QUESTION

When a bill or joint resolution requires, pursuant to the Constitution, the concurrence of more than a majority of the Senators elected and serving, the concurrence of such majority shall not be requisite to decide any question for amendment or relating to the merits, being short of the final question, except on the question of the adoption of a conference report, concurring in House amendments, or receding from Senate amendments to any such bill or joint resolution returned from the House to the Senate for final action.

3.503 FINAL PASSAGE BY REQUIRED VOTE

a) The vote on the final passage of any bill or the adoption of any joint resolution, including a joint resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the federal Constitution, shall be taken by a record roll call vote, which shall be printed in the Journal (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

b) When any bill or joint resolution receives the constitutionally required assent, that fact shall be certified on the bill or joint resolution by the Secretary of the Senate.

c) When a bill is given immediate effect by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators elected and serving, that action remains in effect as the bill proceeds through the legislative process, unless the vote for immediate effect is reconsidered and defeated.

3.504 DEMAND FOR RECORDED VOTE

The record of the votes and names of the Senators voting on any question shall be printed in the Journal at the request of one-fifth (1/5) of the Senators present (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18), except during the Committee of the Whole.

3.505 VOTING

a) After a question is stated by the presiding officer or Chair, no motion shall be in order and no Senator shall be entitled to speak until the roll call is finished and the result is declared.

b) The electronic voting system shall be used, if operational, to determine the question before the body when the vote is taken by roll call or by division, and shall display the votes of each Senator and the running total. At the direction of the presiding officer, the Secretary of the Senate shall immediately activate the electronic voting system for one (1) minute for a roll call vote, after which the vote shall be closed and no further votes shall be entered in the record. If all Senators present have voted before one (1) minute has elapsed, the presiding officer may ask Senators if there is objection to closing the vote. If no Senator objects, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary of the Senate to close the board immediately and record the vote.

c) The presiding officer or Chair may close a division vote at his or her discretion when it appears that all members present have had a reasonable opportunity to vote.

d) If the electronic voting system is not operational, the presiding officer or Chair shall direct the Secretary of the Senate to conduct a roll call or a division vote orally, and to announce the results and record the roll call.

e) A Senator shall not vote for another Senator. A person not a Senator shall not vote for any Senator. In addition to penalties prescribed by law, any Senator may be punished as the Senate may determine for voting for another Senator. If a person not a Senator votes or attempts to vote, he or she, in addition to penalties prescribed by law, shall be barred from the Senate floor for the remainder of the day's session and may receive further punishment as the Senate Majority Leader deems proper.

3.506 A SENATOR'S RIGHT TO DISSENT

a) A Senator may dissent from or protest against any act, proceeding, or resolution which he or she believes is injurious to any person or the public, and have the reason for his or her dissent printed in the Journal (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18).

b) A Senator may dissent orally by making a statement of protest, unless the previous question is in effect, which shall not be limited in length, or by moving that a statement made personally during session on any order of business other than during the Committee of the Whole be his or her protest. A Senator may also dissent by concurring with another Senator's protest or statement previously moved to be printed in the Journal during that day's session. Dissent statements not made during the debate preceding or immediately following the vote from which a Senator is dissenting shall be made under the order of business of Statements.

c) A Senator may dissent in writing not to exceed one thousand (1,000) words if:

1) He or she gives oral notice during session of an intent to file a written protest, and

2) On that day or prior to the end of session on the next Senate legislative day, a signed copy of the written protest is placed on each Senator's desk and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, and

3) No objections are raised and sustained by the end of session on the first Senate legislative day following the day oral notice was given.

d) All protests submitted in any of the above manners shall be printed in the Journal, except the Senate may refuse to print statements or material containing insulting and contemptuous matter under the guise of a protest.

e) No statement of any Senator shall be printed in the Journal unless moved by that Senator.

3.507 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

a) Announcements may be made during any order of business. Announcements are remarks concerning the session schedule, committee meetings, introduction of guests, congratulations, condolences or illness, requests to co-sponsor bills and resolutions, requests to be removed as a sponsor or co-sponsor of bills and resolutions, past vote intentions, or intentions of introducing legislation or resolutions. Announcements also include memorial remarks concerning the passing of individuals and may be made during any order of business except General Orders.

b) Statements on topics, issues or items not properly before the Senate shall be made during the order of business of Statements. Dissent statements may be made under the order of business of Statements.

c) A Senator is limited to one (1) statement each day under the order of business of Statements, except for dissent statements which are unlimited in number.

d) Each statement shall be limited to five (5) minutes orally or, if submitted in writing, shall be no greater than one thousand (1,000) words, except an oral dissent statement made on the order of Statements shall not be limited in length.

e) With the leave of the Senate, the President of the Senate may request that a statement made by the President be printed in the Journal.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 6 APPROPRIATION BILLS

3.601 GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS

The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal year covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or defeated in the Senate before it passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget, except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 31).

3.602 BILLS REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS

Any bill containing an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 31). Appropriation bills, when reported back to the Senate favorably by a committee other than the Committee on Appropriations, shall, together with amendments proposed by that committee, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for consideration.

3.603 ESTIMATED REVENUE

One (1) of the general appropriation bills as passed by the Senate shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by a major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal year, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 7 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3.701 FAVORABLE REPORTS

All bills and joint resolutions reported back to the Senate favorably shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole with amendments, if any, proposed by the committee, which amendments shall be considered first by the Committee of the Whole. Any bill or joint resolution may, after having been reported favorably to the Senate by a committee, be referred to a second committee. If the second committee reports the bill or joint resolution back to the Senate, the report

shall include amendments, if any, that were recommended by the first committee. The reported bill or joint resolution, and any amendments, shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

3.702 BUSINESS IN ORDER

When the Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole, General Orders shall be the only matter of business which shall be in order until the Committee rises.

3.703 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS CONSTITUTING GENERAL ORDERS

a) Bills and joint resolutions referred to the Committee of the Whole shall constitute General Orders and shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole on a day subsequent to such referral in the order of their reference, unless the Senate or the Committee of the Whole otherwise determines.

b) No bill or joint resolution shall bypass consideration by the Committee of the Whole.

3.704 CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The presiding officer shall, when the Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole, designate a Senator as chairperson of the Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. Senators shall be designated alphabetically. The Majority and Minority Floor Leaders shall submit to the Secretary of the Senate names of designees for members of their respective caucuses when they are unable to serve.

3.705 RULES IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) The rules of the Senate shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as may be applicable, except limiting debate, ordering the previous question, suspension of rules, or taking the yeas and nays. However, no speech shall exceed five (5) minutes. A motion that the Committee rise shall always be in order and decided without debate. Motions in the Committee of the Whole recommending action by the Senate shall take precedence in the same order as identical motions made during a session of the Senate. Motions to recess or reconsider are in order in the Committee of the Whole.

b) No statement made during the Committee of the Whole shall be printed in the Journal.

c) In the event the Senate is in session in the Committee of the Whole at 11:55 p.m., it shall be the duty of the chairperson to declare the Committee of the Whole to have risen. The Committee of the Whole shall automatically rise and the presiding officer of the Senate shall resume the chair.

3.706 BILLS ORDERED TO THIRD READING

All bills and joint resolutions recommended for passage or adoption by the Committee of the Whole shall be placed on Third Reading of Bills by the Secretary of the Senate, and shall be taken up in the same order as they were advanced to the order of Third Reading of Bills unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 8 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

3.801 AUTHORITY AND PRECEDENCE OF SENATE RULES

a) The principal sources of authority for Senate rules are, in the order of precedence, as follows:

- 1) Constitutional Rules
- 2) Fundamental Legal Principles
- 3) Statutory Rules
- 4) Adopted Rules
- 5) Adopted Parliamentary Authority
- 6) Parliamentary Law
- 7) Customs and Usages
- 8) Judicial Decisions

Judicial decisions have the lowest precedence of the sources cited except to the extent they are interpretations of rules from one (1) of the other sources. In those instances, they take the same precedence as the source which is interpreted.

b) Rules from the source with the higher precedence prevails when there are conflicts between rules from different sources.

3.802 MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

The rules of parliamentary practice in the most recent edition of Mason's "Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall govern all cases except when they are inconsistent with the Standing Rules and precedents of the Senate.

3.803 RULES OF A NEWLY CONVENED SENATE

The Senate rules which are in effect when the Senate adjourns sine die in an even numbered year shall be the temporary rules of the Senate when it convenes at twelve o'clock noon on the second Wednesday in January of the following odd numbered year and shall remain in effect until other temporary or permanent rules are adopted (see MCL 4.42).

3.804 AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF SENATE RULES

The repeal or amendment of any rule shall be accomplished only by resolution. All proposed amendments or repeals of Senate rules shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations for consideration. The adoption of a proposed resolution for the repeal or amendment of any rule shall require a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

3.805 SUSPENSION OF RULES

The suspension of any Senate rule or adopted parliamentary authority shall require a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

**CHAPTER III - SECTION 9
PRIVILEGE AND CONDUCT ON THE FLOOR**

3.901 MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

Members of the media shall register with the Secretary of the Senate and may have their registration reviewed at any time. The following provisions shall govern the registration process:

- 1) A member of the media shall be defined as a person employed by or working as:
 - a) A newspaper (as defined by U.S. postal regulations);
 - b) A broadcast station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, or a network serving one or more licensed broadcast stations;
 - c) A cable television system with a franchise granted by a Michigan unit of government, or a network serving one (1) or more franchised cable systems;
 - d) A wire service; or
 - e) An independent contractor on assignment to report state government news for an organization described above.
- 2) A visiting member of the media shall register on a daily basis at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of session with the Secretary of the Senate.
- 3) The Secretary of the Senate may, under special circumstances, register representatives of the media not defined above if it is determined to be in the public interest.
- 4) Technicians for broadcast/cable stations shall also be registered when accompanying members of the media and shall be subject to the same rules.
- 5) The Secretary of the Senate may revoke the registration of any member of the media for cause. Cause shall include, but not be limited to, a change in employment status, lobbying or acting as a lobbyist agent, disrupting Senate proceedings, or refusing to comply with Senate rules or the directives of the presiding officer, Senate Majority Leader, or Secretary of the Senate. A decision to revoke registration may be appealed to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 6) Members of the media may talk with only a currently-serving State Senator or a member of their staff in the front entry or the hallway behind the Senate rostrum. Members of the media, notwithstanding Senate Rule 3.902, may leave the media's designated area and talk with only Senators or a member of their staff in the Chamber immediately following adjournment.
- 7) Members of the media shall enter from the north main door or the two (2) south doors on either side of the rostrum and shall proceed directly to the areas designated for the media. If a member of the media enters through the north main door, he or she shall proceed directly to the areas designated for the media using the east or west side aisles only. Members of the media shall not enter the cloak room or the restrooms of the Senate Chamber.
- 8) Members of the media may film, videotape, or photograph the Senate session from the media's designated area. During the first twenty (20) minutes after the attendance roll call, with permission from the Senate, members of the media shall be allowed to film, videotape, or photograph from along the full length of the east and west side aisles.
- 9) A member of the media, including a broadcast technician, shall be entitled to record Senate session as long as it does not disrupt the proceedings of the Senate. "Record" shall mean videotaping, photographing, filming, taping, or electronically transmitting Senate proceedings or activities on the Senate floor when the Senate is in session.

3.902 FLOOR PRIVILEGE AND CONDUCT

A) A session of the Senate shall be defined, for the purposes of this rule, as any period of time when the Senate is in session, any recess, and any fifteen (15)-minute period before the Senate convenes and five (5) minutes after it adjourns. The Senate floor is defined as the Senate Chamber and adjoining Rooms S212, S204 (E. Lakin Brown Room), S204A, S201, and S207. Access to the Senate floor shall be restricted as outlined below during any session of the Senate, except that members of the public are permitted in Room S204 when a scheduled press conference is held there during session.

- 1) No person, other than the following, shall be admitted to the Senate floor:
 - a) Senators or Representatives
 - b) The President of the Senate
 - c) The Governor
 - d) Senators or Representatives in Congress
 - e) Former Michigan Legislators
 - f) The Secretary of the Senate and his or her support staff
 - g) Legislative staff as authorized in guidelines issued by the Senate Majority Leader
 - h) One representative of the Governor, which shall include the Attorney General or their staff and the Secretary of State and their staff
 - i) Members of the immediate family of a Senator or the President of the Senate
 - j) Registered members of the media pursuant to Rule 3.901
 - k) A guest who has been invited by a Senator to offer the invocation, and an immediate family member of that guest.
- 2) No registered lobbyist or lobbyist agent, including former Legislators, shall be allowed on the Senate floor. They shall not be allowed in the hallway behind the Senate rostrum, unless en route to or from the Lieutenant Governor's Office (S215) or the Elijah Myers Room (S208).

3) A former Legislator shall not lobby on the Senate floor, except if they are admitted under Senate Rule 3.902 A) 1) g) or h).

B) No person shall engage in any conduct on the Senate floor during any session of the Senate which undermines the decorum of the Senate. All persons who are admitted to the Senate floor shall observe the following guidelines:

1) No Senator shall speak until recognized by the presiding officer, unless the Senator rises to make a point of order.

2) Except as otherwise outlined in other Senate rules, no Senator shall speak on any matter not properly before the Senate.

3) No Senator shall speak more than twice in any one debate on the same day, without leave of the Senate, except the Senator who sponsored the matter under consideration, the Senator who sponsored the bill or resolution if an amendment is under consideration, the chairperson of the committee which reported it and the chairperson of the subcommittee which considered the matter. Each speech shall not exceed five (5) minutes or, if submitted in writing, shall not exceed one thousand (1,000) words, except there is no limit on the length of an oral dissent statement.

4) No Senator shall speak impertinently or submit in writing impertinent statements, attack the motives of any Senator who proposes or advocates a particular position, use indecent language or other disorderly words, or refer to another Senator by name in a disparaging way.

5) No Senator shall use a display, exhibit, or prop on the Senate floor during discussions, debate, statements, or the announcement of the introduction of a bill or resolution.

6) No person other than a Senator, the President of the Senate, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate, or the Sergeants at Arms shall pass through the well of the Senate Chamber which is immediately in front of the Senate rostrum.

7) No person shall pass between the presiding officer and a Senator who is speaking.

8) No person other than a Senator, the President of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, or the Sergeants at Arms shall use the center aisle of the Chamber.

9) No person other than a Senator shall sit in a Senator's chair.

10) No staff shall be allowed on the Senate floor unless they wait in the majority or minority lounge or the lounge at the rear of the Chamber until they are needed by a Senator and shall then be seated at a Senator's desk.

11) No member of the media shall be allowed on the Senate floor unless he or she is in the media's designated area, except as otherwise provided in Rule 3.901.

12) No smoking shall be permitted on the Senate floor.

13) All individual electronic devices shall be turned off or on non-audible alert during Senate session. Failure to follow a warning issued by the presiding officer or Chair may result in the device(s) being confiscated for the duration of the session upon direction of the presiding officer or Chair.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senators Brandenburg, Hansen, Horn, Knollenberg, MacGregor, O'Brien, Proos and Stamas were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Kowall offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

A concurrent resolution granting authority for adjournment for more than 2 days.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That each house hereby grants unto the other permission to adjourn for not more than 15 intervening calendar days at such times as each house shall determine at any time during the 2015 and 2016 regular sessions.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senators Brandenburg, Hansen, Horn, Knollenberg, MacGregor, O'Brien, Proos and Stamas were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Senator Kowall offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

A concurrent resolution prescribing the Joint Convention Rules for the Legislature.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the following be and are hereby adopted as the Joint Convention Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives:

**JOINT CONVENTION RULES OF THE
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Held in Hall of House.

Rule 1. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, or such other location as may be agreed to by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate. The President of the Senate or, in the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House shall preside. Before the two houses shall meet in joint convention, a concurrent resolution shall be introduced in one house setting forth the date and hour at which the joint convention shall meet, which, if adopted, shall be transmitted to the other house for concurrence.

Secretaries-Journals.

Rule 2. The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretaries of the joint convention. The proceedings of the joint convention shall be published with the Journals of the House, and the final result, as announced by the President on the return of the Senate to its chamber, shall be entered on the Journals of the Senate.

Rules of House to Govern.

Rule 3. The rules of the House of Representatives, so far as the same may be applicable, shall govern the proceedings in joint convention.

President pro tempore of Convention.

Rule 4. Whenever the Speaker of the House presides, he or she shall be entitled to vote on all occasions, and in case of a tie, the question shall be declared lost.

Power to Compel Attendance.

Rule 5. Joint conventions shall have the power to compel the attendance of absent members in the mode and under the penalties prescribed in the rules of the house to which such members respectively belong, and for that purpose the Sergeant at Arms of each house shall attend.

May Adjourn from Time to Time.

Rule 6. Joint conventions may adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary, and it shall be the duty of the House of Representatives to prepare to receive the Senate, and of the Senate to proceed to the joint convention, at the time fixed by law or resolution, or to which the joint convention may have adjourned.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The concurrent resolution was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senators Brandenburg, Hansen, Horn, Knollenberg, MacGregor, Proos and Stamas were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Senator Kowall offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

A concurrent resolution providing for a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. to receive the message of Governor Rick Snyder.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senators Brandenburg, Hansen, Horn, Knollenberg, MacGregor, Proos and Stamas were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

President Pro Tempore

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, announced that the next order of business was the election of the President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Meekhof nominated Senator Schuitmaker as President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Ananich seconded the nomination.

The question being on the election of Senator Schuitmaker as President pro tempore of the Senate,

The election was approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 1

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Booher	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Johnson	O'Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Jones	Pavlov	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Young
Hansen	Knollenberg	Robertson	Zorn
Hertel			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Green

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Oath of Office

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, took and subscribed to the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, and entered upon the discharge of her respective duties.

Senators Meekhof and Ananich asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof's statement is as follows:

I rise to nominate my great friend Senator Tonya Schuitmaker for the position of President pro tempore. Senator Schuitmaker has diligently served as President pro tempore of this chamber for the past four years and would do this body a great service to continue in that role.

Senator Schuitmaker has been a public servant and advocate for the citizens of her communities for many years. Her experience and knowledge are assets to the Senate and also to the citizens of Michigan and the folks whom she represents in her district. It is my distinct privilege to recognize not only Senator Schuitmaker's leadership and expertise, but also her generous spirit, warmth, and commitment to her colleagues.

For these and many more reasons, it is my pleasure to nominate Senator Tonya Schuitmaker as President pro tempore of the Michigan Senate.

Senator Ananich's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, I rise to second the nomination of Senator Tonya Schuitmaker for the position of President pro tempore. Senator Schuitmaker has effectively served in this position for the last four years, and her experience and understanding of the legislative process and procedures will ensure that the Senate continues to run smoothly and remains focused on the issues at hand.

Therefore, I am pleased to second the nomination of Senator Tonya Schuitmaker as President pro tempore of the Michigan Senate.

Assistant President Pro Tempore

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, announced that the next order of business was the election of the Assistant President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Schuitmaker nominated Senator O'Brien as Assistant President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Knezek seconded the nomination.

The question being on the election of Senator O'Brien as Assistant President pro tempore of the Senate,

The election was approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 2

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Booher	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Johnson	O'Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Jones	Pavlov	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Young
Hansen	Knollenberg	Robertson	Zorn
Hertel			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Green

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Oath of Office

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator O'Brien, took and subscribed to the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, and entered upon the discharge of her respective duties.

Senators Schuitmaker and Knezek asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Schuitmaker's statement is as follows:

I have the distinct honor to nominate somebody who I consider a good friend, but, more importantly, she is a great public servant. I have known her for the last six years, and you couldn't ask for a harder worker for the residents of the 20th District. She is committed; she has energy that is abounding; and she will serve a wonderful role as the Assistant President pro tempore.

With that, I would like to nominate Senator Margaret O'Brien.

Senator Knezek's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, I rise today to second the nomination of Senator Margaret O'Brien for the position of Assistant President pro tempore. In the years that I have known her, I have found Senator O'Brien to be a competent, committed, and, perhaps most importantly, compassionate leader. I am continually impressed by her ability to promote and foster a collegial atmosphere

everywhere she serves and her unwavering commitment to representing the needs of not just her own district, but of all Michigan's residents.

As a former Assistant Speaker pro tempore in the Michigan House of Representatives, Senator O'Brien is no stranger to wielding the gavel, and I am confident that she will serve this body and the entire state of Michigan with unparalleled leadership.

Therefore, it is my honor and my privilege to second the nomination of Senator Margaret O'Brien for the position of Assistant President pro tempore of the Michigan Senate.

Associate President Pro Tempore

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, announced that the next order of business was the election of the Associate President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Ananich nominated Senator Hopgood as Associate President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Meekhof seconded the nomination.

The question being on the election of Senator Hopgood as Associate President pro tempore of the Senate,

The election was approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 3

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Booher	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Johnson	O'Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Jones	Pavlov	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Young
Hansen	Knollenberg	Robertson	Zorn
Hertel			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Green

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Oath of Office

The Associate President pro tempore, Senator Hopgood, took and subscribed to the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, and entered upon the discharge of his respective duties.

Senators Ananich and Meekhof asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ananich's statement is as follows:

Fellow Senators, I rise to nominate my colleague and friend Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood for Associate President pro tempore. Senator Hopgood has an exemplary career of service to both Wayne County and to the state of Michigan. He will bring that same commitment and dedication to this position serving the Senate.

Senator Hopgood takes great pride in his work. I am confident in his ability to manage the Senate session operations and help shepherd our bills into law. Although, this isn't exactly what I had in mind when I envisioned a Democrat holding the gavel, Senator Hopgood will be a capable and reliable addition to the Senate officers this session.

I am, therefore, honored to nominate Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood for the position of Associate President pro tempore.

Senator Meekhof's statement is as follows:

I rise to second the nomination of Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood for Associate President pro tempore. Senator Hopgood has worked for the residents of Wayne County for many years, first as an intern and a staffer in the Legislature, next as a member of the State House of Representatives, and now in his second term in the State Senate.

Senator Hopgood has proven himself as a dedicated public servant and respected colleague. It is my pleasure to join in the nominating process for Senator Hopgood. I officially second his nomination for Associate President pro tempore.

Secretary of the Senate

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, announced that the next order of business was the election of the Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Meekhof nominated Jeffrey F. Cobb as Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Ananich seconded the nomination.

The question being on the election of Jeffrey F. Cobb as Secretary of the Senate,

The election was approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 4

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Booher	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Johnson	O'Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Jones	Pavlov	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Young
Hansen	Knollenberg	Robertson	Zorn
Hertel			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Green

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Oath of Office

The Secretary of the Senate, Jeffrey F. Cobb, took and subscribed to the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, and entered upon the discharge of his respective duties.

Senators Meekhof and Ananich asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof's statement is as follows:

I rise and it is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Jeff Cobb to the position of Senate Secretary. Jeff Cobb has been a long-term staffer in the Senate and, most recently, was a member of my staff since 2011. Prior to working in my office, Jeff was chief of staff to former Senator Gerald Van Woerkom. He also worked for Kansas Congressman Jim Ryun. Jeff is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana.

Jeff has spent the past four years working closely with Session Staff and the former Secretary of the Senate during session. He is well-acquainted with floor procedure and the formal process that we participate in each day when we come to session on this floor. I have every confidence in Jeff's ability to execute the duties of his office.

It is my great pleasure and honor to formally nominate Jeff Cobb for the position of Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Ananich's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, I rise to second the nomination of Jeff Cobb as the new Secretary of the Senate. Jeff has experience working in both the U.S. House and the Senate, and for the last four years, Jeff has served as the main liaison between the Senate majority and Senate minority. Jeff communicated the Senate agenda and activities each day, keeping all Senators informed of important votes, schedule changes, and items of interest. His knowledge of the inner workings of the Senate and his commitment to public service make him an ideal candidate for this position.

Therefore, I am pleased to second the nomination of Jeff Cobb as the new Secretary of the Senate.

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Secretary of the Senate

January 14, 2015

I have the honor and pleasure of informing the membership that Adam Reames will continue his excellent service to the Michigan Senate as the Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Adam has served as Assistant Secretary of the Senate since June 19, 2009. I am honored to continue working with him in the 98th Legislature.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey F. Cobb
Secretary of the Senate

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Certified List of Representatives

The following communication was received and read:
Department of State

November 24, 2014

Enclosed, please find a certified listing of the candidates elected to the office of State Representative at the November 4, 2014 general election. A copy of the official returns certified for the election is also provided for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Thomas
Director of Elections

United States of America

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State and Custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, certify that the persons named on the attached listing were duly elected at the November 4, 2014 General Election to the Office of State Representative for a term commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on January 1, 2017, as shown by the official returns certified for the election and placed on file in this office.

[SEAL]

In witness whereof, I have hereto attached my signature and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, on November 24, 2014.

Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State

Members-Elect of the House of Representatives

District	Party	Name	Address
1	Dem	Brian Banks	P.O. Box 36416, Grosse Pointe 48236
2	Dem	Alberta Tinsley Talabi	2229 Pennsylvania Street, Detroit 48214
3	Dem	Wendell L. Byrd	20651 Stratford Road, Detroit 48221
4	Dem	Rose Mary C. Robinson	4221 Avery, Detroit 48208
5	Dem	Fred Durhal	4055 Leslie Street, Detroit 48238
6	Dem	Stephanie Chang	P.O. Box 32372, Detroit 48232
7	Dem	LaTanya Garrett	15355 Cherrylawn, Detroit 48238
8	Dem	Sherry Gay-Dagnogo	15667 Glastonbury, Detroit 48223
9	Dem	Harvey Santana	5700 Brace Street, Detroit 48228
10	Dem	Leslie Love	P.O. Box 35986, Detroit 48235
11	Dem	Julie Plawecki	26736 Cecile, Dearborn Heights 48127
12	Dem	Erika Geiss	24645 Muirfield Drive, Taylor 48180
13	Dem	Frank Liberati	9068 Quandt, Allen Park 48101
14	Dem	Paul Clemente	2235 Fort Park Boulevard, Lincoln Park 48146
15	Dem	George T. Darany	29 W. Village Lane, Dearborn 48124
16	Dem	Robert L. Kosowski	450 N. Bryar Street, Westland 48185
17	Dem	Bill LaVoy	225 Maywood, Monroe 48162
18	Dem	Sarah Roberts	22440 Lakeland Street, Saint Clair Shores 48081
19	Rep	Laura Cox	P.O. Box 531392, Livonia 48153
20	Rep	Kurt L. Heise	9054 Muirland Drive, Plymouth 48170
21	Dem	Kristy Pagan	7420 Windsor Woods Drive #2A, Canton 48187
22	Dem	John Chirkun	31229 Merrily, Roseville 48066
23	Rep	Pat Somerville	P.O. Box 681, New Boston 48164
24	Rep	Anthony G. Forlini	39273 Chart Street, Harrison Township 48045
25	Dem	Henry Yanez	14052 Bery Drive, Sterling Heights 48312
26	Dem	Jim Townsend	P.O. Box 213, Royal Oak 48067
27	Dem	Robert Wittenberg	26131 Harding, Oak Park 48237
28	Dem	Derek E. Miller	P.O. Box 143, Warren 48090
29	Dem	Tim Greimel	2640 Greenstone Boulevard, Apt. 1704, Auburn Hills 48326
30	Rep	Jeff Farrington	8830 Summers Court, Utica 48317
31	Dem	Marilyn Lane	16558 Woodlane, Fraser 48026
32	Rep	Andrea LaFontaine	P.O. Box 6, Memphis 48041
33	Rep	Ken Goike	22440 32 Mile Road, Ray Township 48096
34	Dem	Sheldon A. Neeley	2305 Begole Street, Flint 48504
35	Dem	Jeremy Moss	18405 Melrose Avenue, Southfield 48075
36	Rep	Peter J. Lucido	14601 Breza, Shelby Township 48315
37	Dem	Christine Greig	P.O. Box 587, Farmington 48332
38	Rep	Kathy Crawford	46275 W. Eleven Mile Road, Novi 48374
39	Rep	Klint Kesto	P.O. Box 1193, Walled Lake 48390
40	Rep	Michael D. McCready	1011 S. Adams Road, Birmingham 48009
41	Rep	Martin Howrylak	3035 Newport Court, Troy 48084
42	Rep	Lana L. Theis	P.O. Box 461, Brighton 48116
43	Rep	Jim Tedder	4900 Lakeview Boulevard, Clarkston 48348
44	Rep	Jim Runestad	2210 Teggerdine, White Lake 48386
45	Rep	Michael Webber	P.O. Box 70461, Rochester Hills 48309
46	Rep	Bradford C. Jacobsen	P.O. Box 250, Oxford 48371
47	Rep	Henry Vaupel	P.O. Box 363, Fowlerville 48836
48	Dem	Pam Faris	P.O. Box 520, Clio 48420
49	Dem	Phil Phelps	819 Main Street, Unit A, Flushing 48433
50	Dem	Charles Smiley	5402 Crestwood Drive, Grand Blanc 48439
51	Rep	Joseph Graves	16316 Knobhill Drive, Linden 48451
52	Dem	Gretchen Driskell	320 N. Ann Arbor Street, Saline 48176
53	Dem	Jeff Irwin	2542 Bellwood Avenue, Ann Arbor 48104
54	Dem	David Rutledge	8585 Durham Court, Ypsilanti 48198

55	Dem	Adam Zemke	120 1/2 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor 48104
56	Rep	Jason M. Sheppard	P.O. Box 271, Lambertville 48144
57	Rep	Nancy Jenkins	9417 West Carleton Road, Clayton 49235
58	Rep	Eric Leutheuser	P.O. Box 58, Hillsdale 49242
59	Rep	Aaron Miller	27788 Banker Street Road, Sturgis 49091
60	Dem	Jon Hoadley	2720 Parkview Avenue, Kalamazoo 49008
61	Rep	Brandt Iden	P.O. Box 20486, Kalamazoo 49019
62	Rep	John Bizon	114 Castleridge Drive, Battle Creek 49015
63	Rep	David C. Maturen	7849 S. Sprinkle Road, Portage 49002
64	Rep	Earl Poleski	5354 Reynolds Road, Jackson 49201
65	Rep	Brett Roberts	3494 Sherman Road, Charlotte 48813
66	Rep	Aric Nesbitt	P.O. Box 400, Lawton 49065
67	Dem	Tom Cochran	418 Coppersmith Drive, Mason 48854
68	Dem	Andy Schor	P.O. Box 13073, Lansing 48901
69	Dem	Sam Singh	1837 Cricket Lane, East Lansing 48823
70	Rep	Rick Outman	6481 N. Miles Road, Six Lakes 48886
71	Rep	Tom Barrett	720 Mitchell, Potterville 48876
72	Rep	Ken Yonker	2202 100th Street, S.E., Caledonia 49316
73	Rep	Chris Afendoulis	240 Edgehill Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids 49546
74	Rep	Rob VerHeulen	4167 Imperial Drive, N.W., Walker 49534
75	Dem	Brandon Dillon	1455 Ball Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids 49505
76	Dem	Winnie Brinks	2060 Osceola Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids 49506
77	Rep	Thomas B. Hooker	1739 108th Street, Byron Center 49315
78	Rep	Dave Pagel	3221 E. Shawnee Road, Berrien Springs 49103
79	Rep	Al Pscholka	5810 Longhorn Trail, Stevensville 49127
80	Rep	Cindy Gamrat	967 Scenic View Drive, Plainwell 49080
81	Rep	Dan Lauwers	12401 Speaker Road, Brockway 48097
82	Rep	Todd Courser	455 S. Main Street, Lapeer 48446
83	Rep	Paul Muxlow	P.O. Box 70, Brown City 48416
84	Rep	Edward J. Canfield	933 E. Main Street, Sebawaing 48759
85	Rep	Ben Glardon	P.O. Box 1746, Owosso 48867
86	Rep	Lisa Posthumus Lyons	7815 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Alto 49302
87	Rep	Mike Callton	P.O. Box 676, Nashville 49073
88	Rep	Roger Victory	5214 22nd Avenue, Hudsonville 49426
89	Rep	Amanda Price	3975 Lakeridge Drive, Holland 49424
90	Rep	Daniela Garcia	22 E. 29th Street, Holland 49423
91	Rep	Holly Hughes	8801 Lehman Road, Montague 49437
92	Dem	Marcia Hovey-Wright	452 W. Webster Avenue, Muskegon 49440
93	Rep	Tom Leonard	14840 Robinwood Drive, Lansing 48906
94	Rep	Tim Kelly	25 Benton Road, Saginaw 48602
95	Dem	Vanessa Guerra	4108 Emerald Drive, Bridgeport 48722
96	Dem	Charles M. Brunner	208 E. Murphy Street, Bay City 48706
97	Rep	Joel Johnson	P.O. Box 280, Clare 48617
98	Rep	Gary Glenn	3800 E. Monroe Road, Midland 48642
99	Rep	Kevin Cotter	P.O. Box 1189, Mount Pleasant 48804
100	Rep	Jon Bumstead	2186 E. 72nd Street, Newaygo 49337
101	Rep	Ray A. Franz	P.O. Box 25, Onkama 49675
102	Rep	Phil Potvin	P.O. Box 609, Cadillac 49601
103	Rep	Bruce R. Rendon	P.O. Box 809, Lake City 49651
104	Rep	Larry C. Inman	8971 Crockett Road, Williamsburg 49690
105	Rep	Triston Cole	241 E. Eddy School Road, Mancelona 49659
106	Rep	Peter Pettalia	11617 Bell Bay Road, Presque Isle 49777
107	Rep	Lee Chatfield	2481 US 31 N, Levering 49755
108	Rep	Ed McBroom	N470 Thaler Drive, Vulcan 49892
109	Dem	John Kivela	1005 Cleveland Avenue, Marquette 49855
110	Dem	Scott Dianda	P.O. Box 81, Calumet 49913

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received and read:
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Human Services
Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity
Community Action Programs
(2014-003 HS) (JCAR 14-43)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Construction Codes
Board of Mechanical Rules
License Examination Procedures
(2013-096 LR) (JCAR 14-42)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Director's Office
Board of Nursing Home Administrators - General Rules
(2013-024 LR) (JCAR 14-38)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Director's Office
Podiatric Medicine and Surgery - Continuing Education
(2013-002 LR) (JCAR 14-45)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Director's Office
Podiatric Medicine and Surgery - General Rules
(2013-002 LR) (JCAR 14-44)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Public Service Commission

Gas Safety

(2013-070 LR) (JCAR 14-39)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

December 17, 2014

Pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote waived the remaining session days for the following rule set:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

State Fire Safety Board

Health Care Facilities Fire Safety

(2012-120 LR) (JCAR 14-41)

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention may immediately file the rule.

Sincerely,
Senator John Pappageorge
Presiding Co-Chair

Representative Tom McMillin
Co-Chair

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received and read:
Office of the Auditor General

December 30, 2014

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Financial audit, including the report on internal control, compliance, and other matters, of the Michigan Education Trust Plans B and C, a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013.

December 30, 2014

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Financial audit, including the report on internal control, compliance, and other matters, of the Michigan Education Trust Plan D, a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013.

Sincerely,
Doug Ringler
Auditor General

The audit reports were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Senate Majority Leader

January 13, 2015

Pursuant to Senate Rule 1.104 I hereby submit the following Republican Caucus leadership positions:

Majority Leader: Senator Arlan Meekhof

Assistant Majority Leader: Senator Goeff Hansen

Majority Floor Leader: Senator Mike Kowall

Assistant Majority Floor Leader: Senator Jim Stamas

Majority Caucus Chair: Senator David Robertson

Assistant Majority Caucus Chair: Senator Rick Jones

Majority Caucus Whip: Senator Jack Brandenburg
Assistant Majority Caucus Whip: Senator Darwin Booher
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Arlan Meekhof
30th Senate District
Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Senate Minority Leader

January 14, 2015

Pursuant to Senate Rule 1.104, I hereby submit the following Democratic Caucus leadership positions:

Senate Minority Leader: Jim Ananich
Assistant Minority Leader: Steven Bieda
Minority Floor Leader: Morris Hood
Assistant Minority Floor Leader: Coleman Young
Associate President Pro Tempore: Hoon-Yung Hopgood
Minority Caucus Chair: David Knezek
Assistant Minority Caucus Chair: Vincent Gregory
Minority Caucus Whip: Curtis Hertel
Assistant Minority Caucus Whip: Virgil Smith

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Jim Ananich
Senate Minority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the Majority Leader has made the appointment of the following standing committees:
Agriculture - Senators Hune (C), Green (VC), Schmidt, Booher and Smith (MVC).

Appropriations - Senators Hildenbrand (C), MacGregor (VC), Hansen, Stamas, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg, Booher, Shirkey, Proos, Nofs, Green, Marleau, Gregory (MVC), Hopgood, Hertel, Knezek and Young.

Banking and Financial Institutions - Senators Booher (C), O'Brien (VC), Nofs, Zorn, MacGregor, Hertel (MVC) and Smith.

Commerce - Senators Schmidt (C), Kowall (VC), MacGregor, Nofs and Hertel (MVC).

Economic Development - Senators Horn (C), Schmidt (VC), Brandenburg, Stamas, Emmons, Smith (MVC) and Bieda.

Education - Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg (VC), Booher, Colbeck and Knezek (MVC).

Elections and Government Reform - Senators Robertson (C), Colbeck (VC), Emmons, Shirkey and Hood (MVC).

Energy and Technology - Senators Nofs (C), Proos (VC), Horn, Schuitmaker, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Hopgood (MVC), Knezek and Smith.

Families, Seniors and Human Services - Senators Emmons (C), Pavlov (VC), Jones, Casperson and Johnson (MVC).

Finance - Senators Brandenburg (C), Robertson (VC), Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda (MVC) and Warren.

Government Operations - Senators Meekhof (C), Hansen (VC), Kowall, Ananich (MVC) and Hood.

Health Policy - Senators Shirkey (C), Hune (VC), O'Brien, Marleau, Jones, Stamas, Robertson, Hertel (MVC), Knezek and Hopgood.

Insurance - Senators Hune (C), Brandenburg (VC), Schmidt, O'Brien, Horn, Jones, Smith (MVC), Bieda and Young.

Judiciary - Senators Jones (C), Schuitmaker (VC), Rocca, Colbeck and Bieda (MVC).

Local Government - Senators Zorn (C), Proos (VC), Brandenburg, Rocca and Young (MVC).

Michigan Competitiveness - Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas (VC), Robertson, Proos and Warren (MVC).

Natural Resources - Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov (VC), Robertson, Stamas and Warren (MVC).

Outdoor Recreation and Tourism - Senators Hansen (C), Zorn (VC), Schmidt, Green and Johnson (MVC).

Regulatory Reform - Senators Rocca (C), Jones (VC), Knollenberg, Kowall, Marleau, Hune, Warren (MVC), Hertel and Johnson.

Transportation - Senators Casperson (C), Horn (VC), Pavlov, Marleau and Hopgood (MVC).

Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security - Senators O'Brien (C), Emmons (VC), Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek (MVC).

The standing committee appointments were approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The Secretary announced that the Majority Leader has made the appointment of the following statutory committees:
Administrative Rules - Senators Stamas (C), Rocca (VC), Kowall, Hood (MVC) and Hertel.

Legislative Council - Senators Meekhof (C), Rocca, Schmidt, Stamas, Ananich and Hood. Alternates: Senators Schuitmaker, Horn and Bieda.

Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees - Senators Hildenbrand and Gregory.

Library of Michigan Board of Trustees - Senators Stamas and Johnson.

Michigan Capitol Committee - Senators Meekhof (C), Kowall, Hansen and Bieda.

Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws - Senators Schuitmaker and Bieda.

Michigan Law Revision Commission - Senators Schuitmaker and Johnson.

Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors - Senators Meekhof (C), Hildenbrand, MacGregor, Ananich and Gregory.

The statutory committee appointments were approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The Secretary announced that the Majority Leader has made the appointment of the following Appropriations subcommittees:

Agriculture and Rural Development - Senators Green (C), Stamas (VC) and Hopgood (MVC).

Capital Outlay - Senators Booher (C), Nofs (VC), Schuitmaker, Hansen, MacGregor, Gregory (MVC) and Hertel.

Community Colleges - Senators Booher (C), Schuitmaker (VC) and Knezek (MVC).

Community Health - Senators Marleau (C), Shirkey (VC), Hansen and Hertel (MVC).

Corrections - Senators Proos (C), Knollenberg (VC) and Gregory (MVC).

Environmental Quality - Senators Green (C), MacGregor (VC) and Hopgood (MVC).

General Government - Senators Stamas (C), Nofs (VC), Booher and Young (MVC).

Higher Education - Senators Schuitmaker (C), MacGregor (VC) and Hertel (MVC).

Human Services - Senators MacGregor (C), Proos (VC) and Gregory (MVC).

Judiciary - Senators Proos (C), Schuitmaker (VC) and Young (MVC).

K-12, School Aid, Education - Senators Hansen (C), Pavlov (VC) and Hopgood (MVC).

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Senators Knollenberg (C), Marleau (VC) and Young (MVC).

Natural Resources - Senators Green (C), Booher (VC) and Hopgood (MVC).

State Police and Military Affairs - Senators Nofs (C), Colbeck (VC) and Knezek (MVC).

Transportation - Senators Hansen (C), Knollenberg (VC) and Young (MVC).

The subcommittee appointments were approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The following communications were received:
 Department of State

Administrative Rules Notices of Filing

December 4, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2008-054-HS (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-01) on this date at 3:38 p.m. for the Department of Human Services, entitled "Licensing Rules for Child Placing Agencies."

These rules take effect 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 4, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2008-055-HS (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-02) on this date at 3:40 p.m. for the Department of Human Services, entitled "Licensing Rules for Foster Family Homes and Foster Family Group Homes for Children."

These rules take effect 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 4, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State

Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-009-HS (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-03) on this date at 3:42 p.m. for the Department of Human Services, entitled "Food Assistance Program."

These rules take effect 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 4, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2010-039-NR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-04) on this date at 3:44 p.m. for the Department of Natural Resources, entitled "Commercial Forests."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 4, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-042-NR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-05) on this date at 3:46 p.m. for the Department of Natural Resources, entitled "Vessels Carrying Passengers for Hire."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 4, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-115-NR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-06) on this date at 3:48 p.m. for the Department of Natural Resources, entitled "Mackinac Island State Park Commission - General Rules."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 5, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2011-024-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-07) on this date at 4:27 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Administration of Compulsory Arbitration Act for Labor Disputes in Municipal Police and Fire Departments."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 5, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-110-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-08) on this date at 4:29 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Advertising."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 5, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State

Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-019-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-09) on this date at 4:31 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits."

These rules take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 5, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-149-ED (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-10) on this date at 4:33 p.m. for the Department of Education, entitled "Youth Employment Standards."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 9, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-053-CH (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-11) on this date at 3:17 p.m. for the Department of Community Health, entitled "Emergency Medical Services - Life Support Agencies and Medical Control."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 9, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2013-098-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-14) on this date at 3:17 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Occupational Health Standards, Part 306. Formaldehyde."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 9, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-084-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-12) on this date at 3:17 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Construction Safety Standards, Part 10. Lifting and Digging Equipment."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 9, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-085-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-13) on this date at 3:17 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Construction Safety Standards, Part 11. Fixed and Portable Ladders."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 16, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-073-CH (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-15) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Community Health, entitled "Communicable and Related Diseases."

These rules become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306.

December 16, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2010-034-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-16) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Employment Relations Commission - General Rules."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 16, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-121-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-17) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Mortuary Science."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 16, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-122-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-18) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Prepaid Funeral and Cemetery Sales."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

December 17, 2014

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2014-029-LR (Secretary of State Filing #14-12-19) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Workers' Compensation Health Care Services."

These rules take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,
Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State
Robin L. Houston, Departmental Supervisor
Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Department of State

December 22, 2014

In accordance with Section 257.810b (7) of Public Act 300 of 1949, we have attached a TACF report for the Department of State for the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Deposits and charges in the TACF during this time period were \$107,951,900. Data used in the preparation of this report was obtained from the MAIN-MIDB database.

Sincerely,
Rose Jarois, Director
Department Services Administration

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Department of Treasury

January 5, 2015

Attached please find a copy of the 2014 Annual Report of Emergency Loans as required by the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Cindy Peruchietti, Administrator
Budget Division

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Messages from the House

The following message was received and read:

January 14, 2015

By direction of the House of Representatives, I hereby notify you that a quorum of the House of Representatives has convened pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Very respectfully,
Gary L. Randall, Clerk
House of Representatives

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received on January 12, 2015, and read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2015-1

**Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services
Advisory Commission**

Michigan Department of Community Health

Rescission of Executive Order 2005-14

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that the Governor considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor; unless otherwise provided by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2005-14 created the Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission was created as an advisory board to make recommendations to the Michigan Department of Community Health ("Department") and the Governor, and to be used as a forum for the discussion of issues relating to the provision of long-term care supports and services in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has made 13 recommendations that focus on a coordinated system that puts people above programs, and has fulfilled all of its objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services within the Department was abolished under Executive Order 2009-3, which rescinded Section II of Executive Order 2005-14; and

WHEREAS, abolishing the Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission will lead to more efficient and effective implementation of the Commission's recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

The remainder of Executive Order 2005-14 is rescinded, and the Michigan Long-Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission is abolished.

This Order shall become effective upon filing.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 12th day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Richard D. Snyder
Governor

By the Governor:
Ruth A. Johnson
Secretary of State

The executive order was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

December 29, 2014

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office:

Michigan Film Commissioner

Margaret A. O'Riley of 4072 Split Rail Lane, Fenton, Michigan 48430, county of Genesee, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term commencing January 1, 2015, and expiring December 31, 2016.

December 29, 2014

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office:

Acting Director - Michigan Department of Human Services

Nicolas L. Lyon of 72 Country Hills, Marshall, Michigan 49068, county of Calhoun, is appointed for a term commencing January 1, 2015, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

January 2, 2015

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office:

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

Deborah L. Rock of 10651 E. Bluewater Highway, Pewamo, Michigan 48873, county of Ionia, representing parents of a child with developmental disabilities, filling a vacancy, is appointed for a term expiring September 30, 2018.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators Meekhof and Ananich asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof's statement is as follows:

As we take the oath of office and prepare to embark on a new legislative session, I would like to take this opportunity to join with the Minority Leader and my fellow Senators to set a tone that differentiates the Michigan Senate from the gridlock and stalemate that is most often associated with any government.

While it rarely makes the news, most of the legislation passed by the Senate is passed with bipartisan support. At other times, we see thoughtful and passionate debate on topics that may garner more attention. I look forward to continuing the Senate tradition of respectful and beneficial debate on a variety of topics. After all, each Senator is here today because he or she was willing to stand up and be an advocate for his or her neighbors and communities. While we find differences on both sides of the aisle, practical and philosophical, it is our common interest as statesmen that unites us. We represent

the interests and concerns of diverse populations with varied needs, but we are all working toward the common goal of improving our great state.

Over the course of the past four years, most of us in this chamber have been part of the start of Michigan's turnaround, and it is incumbent upon us to continue on the path of progress. We can take time to celebrate and recognize improvements in our economy and in the lives of our citizens, but we must maintain momentum. Our hard work is not nearly done.

Government should be a place of results and accountability. Citizens expect and deserve commonsense policy and a transparent process, and, as legislators, we are the front lines for our citizens. We are often identified by the most recent bill passed in our chamber or the most boisterous debate carried by the media or, dare I say, Facebook.

Instead of being only as good as the last policy debate, I challenge us all today to define ourselves as more than just part of the legislative process. We are the voice of our constituents. We are problem solvers and advocates. We are public servants focused on commonsense reforms and policy that yields measurable results. We are here for the hardworking families of Michigan. Many of those hardworking families are here today to support each of us. I want to take a moment to thank my own family and the family and friends of the Senators who have joined us on this special day. None of us would be able to serve the citizens of Michigan without the support of our friends and families.

Thank you all for your willingness to serve and to be part of continuing Michigan's turnaround. I look forward to a productive legislative session that builds upon the good work done over the past four years. God bless the great state of Michigan.

Senator Ananich's statement is as follows:

Good afternoon, colleagues. I rise today to welcome all of you to the Michigan Senate and to begin our new session. Regardless of our party and whether we are new Senate leaders or new Senators, today is a special day for us all. This morning, we had our families and friends here, and we were officially sworn in to the State Senate, many of you for the first time.

Before I go forward, I want to stop for a second. Members, this is the culmination of all the hard work that you, your families, and your friends put together, and I hope that you are as proud to be here as I am. I am proud to serve with you. To the staff from the Secretary of the Senate's office, to the Sergeants, to the folks in our individual offices, and our caucus staffs: They help make the trains run on time, do amazing work, and quite often don't get recognized. It's your hard work that helps us do the work that we do. To the family and friends sitting next to you and in the audience: I know that I am privileged to have my wife, my mother, my stepfather, many aunts and uncles, and my grandmother here and in my office. I hope you all get the pleasure of meeting them. If you don't, you could just rent on Netflix *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, and you will get a feel for who they are. All joking aside, my wife, my in-laws, my mother, and others have been very patient with me. I'm sure my father-in-law is shaking his head and holding onto his wallet right now. I want to tell them how much I love them and how much their support means to me and has helped me to become the person I am today and to be in this position.

This day, we are reminded of what it means to be an elected official and why we got into public service in the first place. We have been given a great privilege by the people in our districts back home to represent their needs here in Lansing, and the reverence for our constituents is fresh in our minds, having just taken the oath of office today.

As I look around this room, awed by this chamber's history and tradition, I am equally impressed by the people who are populating it. Starting today, we have the opportunity to do great things and truly make a difference in our state and in the lives of the people we serve. Best of all, right now, we are all in agreement on that. We are all full of pride, optimism, and hope in being right here, in being Michigan Senators, and in being empowered with the people's trust. With that in mind, I want to issue a call to action as simple as it is bold: Let's try to hold on to these feelings of camaraderie and collegiality, not just for today and not just for the next four years. Let's always try to remember what we were sent here to do and that we will always accomplish more together than we will apart.

Being a Senator is a job, and what we do here is work. The people we represent don't get to abandon their posts or give up on a project when there are personality clashes and petty differences, and we shouldn't either. We should be allies in the fight against Michigan's problems, not enemies of each other.

I would like to share a biblical verse that I feel embodies our responsibilities and our purpose as public servants. It is from Philippians, Chapter 2, starting at verse 3: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but to each of you to the interests of the others." Those are the values to live by, and those are the values to serve by. I hope that you will always join me in embracing them.

As the new Senate Minority Leader, I am excited for this opportunity to face Michigan's struggles head on and work together to turn them into successes. In 2015, we are at an important turning point, and for all of us here now, our legacies and our histories are still being defined. I believe our public service careers are not defined by our titles and our reputations, but by what we were able to achieve—our results and not our rhetoric.

As Minority Leader, I am not going to be a roadblock, but I'm not going to be a rubber stamp either. My caucus and I will strive to be a bridge—judicious, deliberate, and realistic. That's what our state and our people want and need—collaboration and cooperation. We have to tackle the challenges that really matter and address the issues that are affecting people in Michigan every single day. I am certainly going to be passionate about what I believe in, but my focus will

always be on getting things done. We will continue to work hard to address the things that matter most to the people of Michigan, like equal opportunity and fairness for all, job creation and career development, and important economic issues, like better wages and financial security. I hope all of you will join me in fighting for those issues and working toward a better Michigan for everyone. It is time for all of us to move forward, and today is an important first step in doing just that.

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittee -

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, January 29, February 19, February 26, March 5, March 12, and March 26, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors - Wednesday, January 21, 11:00 a.m. or later immediately following session, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, January 20, 10:00 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:50 p.m.

In pursuance of the order previously made, the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate

