

HOUSE BILL No. 4757

June 18, 2015, Introduced by Reps. McBroom, Aaron Miller, Glenn, Lyons, Theis,
LaFontaine, Franz and Hooker and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 58, entitled

"An act to provide for selecting seats for members in the hall of
the house of representatives,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 4.61).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As a part of the organization of the house of
2 representatives upon the first day of the first regular session of
3 each legislature, the **CLERK OF THE HOUSE SHALL ASSIGN MEMBERS** seats
4 in the hall of the house. ~~shall be selected by the members in a~~
5 ~~manner as follows: The clerk shall call the names of the members~~
6 ~~having the greatest total length of service in the house who shall~~
7 ~~select a seat. In like manner, the clerk shall call the names of~~
8 ~~members in the order of their total length of service in the house,~~
9 ~~who shall select seats of their choice not already selected, down~~
10 ~~to and including those members commencing their second terms. If~~

1 ~~there are 2 or more members who have an equal length of service the~~
2 ~~clerk shall prepare a list of their names and place opposite each~~
3 ~~name a number, which shall be drawn by lottery as prescribed in~~
4 ~~this section for members entering their first terms. The clerk~~
5 ~~shall then prepare a list of members entering upon their first~~
6 ~~terms, listing the names of such members alphabetically and placing~~
7 ~~opposite each name numbers in consecutive order from 1, using as~~
8 ~~many numbers as are necessary. A box shall be provided in which~~
9 ~~shall be deposited numbered white balls, which shall bear the same~~
10 ~~numbers as those appearing on said list. A boy or girl, selected by~~
11 ~~the clerk, then being blindfolded shall draw from the box 1 ball~~
12 ~~and hand it to the clerk, who shall announce the number on the~~
13 ~~ball, and the clerk shall call the member's name found on the list~~
14 ~~opposite the corresponding number, who shall then select a seat not~~
15 ~~previously selected. In like manner all members entering upon their~~
16 ~~first terms shall select seats. Any representative elect~~
17 ~~necessarily absent on the first day of the session may, in writing,~~
18 ~~appoint any representative to select a seat for him, and if no one~~
19 ~~appears for such absent representative elect, then the clerk of the~~
20 ~~house shall make a selection for him, when his name is called.~~**THE**
21 **SEATS ASSIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE SHALL BE THE MEMBERS'**
22 **SEATS UNLESS A RESOLUTION ALTERING THE MEMBERS' SEATS IS ADOPTED BY**
23 **A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING ON THE RESOLUTION.**