

AS ADOPTED BY SENATE, JUNE 25, 2020

THIS RESOLUTION IS OFFERED TO COMPLY WITH MCL 4.101, MCL 4.541, AND
RULE 2.102 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117**

1 A resolution to grant the Senate Standing Committee on
2 Oversight the power to administer oaths and subpoena witnesses and
3 state records and files.

4 Whereas, Full access to accurate information is essential for
5 sound decision making by any public or private body; and

6 Whereas, Standing committees of the Senate, including the
7 Senate Standing Committee on Oversight, may be granted the power to
8 subpoena state records and files. Section 1 of 1952 PA 46, MCL
9 4.541, provides, in part, that:

10 ...any standing or select committee of the senate or the
11 house of representatives, and any joint select committee
12 of the senate and house of representatives, shall be
13 authorized to subpoena and have produced before any such

1 committee, or inspect the records and files of any state
2 department, board, institution or agency; and it shall be
3 the duty of any state department, board, institution or
4 agency to produce before the committee as required by the
5 subpoena, or permit the members of any such committee to
6 inspect its records and files.

7 ; and

8 Whereas, Section 1 of 1931 PA 118, MCL 4.101, provides:

9 Committees and commissions of or appointed by the
10 legislature may by resolution of the legislature be
11 authorized to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses and/or
12 to examine the books and records of any persons,
13 partnerships or corporations involved in a matter properly
14 before any of such committees or commissions. Any witness
15 who neglects or refuses to obey a subpoena of any of such
16 committees or commissions, or who refuses to be sworn or
17 testify, or who fails on demand to produce any papers,
18 books or documents touching any matter under investigation,
19 or any witness or attorney who is guilty of any contempt
20 while in attendance at any hearing before any of such
21 committees or commissions, may be punished as for contempt
22 of the legislature.

23 ; and

24 Whereas, Pursuant to Rule 2.102 of the Standing Rules of the
25 Senate, the authority for a committee to issue subpoenas shall be
26 granted by resolution; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the Senate, That, pursuant to MCL 4.101, MCL
28 4.541, and Rule 2.102 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, we
29 hereby grant the Senate Standing Committee on Oversight the power

1 to subpoena state records and files and the power to issue
2 subpoenas and administer oaths to elected officers, appointees, and
3 employees of state departments, boards, institutions, agencies, or
4 other bodies in the executive branch.