

THIS RESOLUTION IS OFFERED TO COMPLY WITH MCL 4.101, MCL 4.541, AND
RULE 37 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60

Reps. Steven Johnson, Outman, Beeler, Maddock, Brann, Borton,
Roth, Markkanen, O'Malley, Bellino, Reilly, Huizenga, Carra, Calley,
Alexander, Kahle, Yaroch, Hall, Allor, Rendon and Meerman offered the
following resolution:

1 A resolution to grant the House Standing Committee on
2 Oversight the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and
3 examine books, records, and files related to employee separations
4 and severance agreements entered into by the executive branch of
5 state government.

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

8 Whereas, Standing committees of the House of Representatives,
9 including the House Standing Committee on Oversight, may be granted
10 the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and examine books,

1 records, and files, pursuant to the Standing Rules of the House of
2 Representatives and Michigan law; and

3 Whereas, Section 1 of 1952 PA 46, MCL 4.541, provides, in
4 part:

5 ...any standing or select committee of the senate or the
6 house of representatives, and any joint select committee
7 of the senate and house of representatives, shall be
8 authorized to subpoena and have produced before any such
9 committee, or inspect the records and files of any state
10 department, board, institution or agency; and it shall be
11 the duty of any state department, board, institution or
12 agency to produce before the committee as required by the
13 subpoena, or permit the members of any such committee to
14 inspect its records and files.

15 ; and

16 Whereas, Section 1 of 1931 PA 118, MCL 4.101, provides:
17 Committees and commissions of or appointed by the
18 legislature may by resolution of the legislature be
19 authorized to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses and/or
20 to examine the books and records of any persons,
21 partnerships or corporations involved in a matter properly
22 before any of such committees or commissions. Any witness
23 who neglects or refuses to obey a subpoena of any of such
24 committees or commissions, or who refuses to be sworn or
25 testify, or who fails on demand to produce any papers,
26 books or documents touching any matter under investigation,
27 or any witness or attorney who is guilty of any contempt
28 while in attendance at any hearing before any of such
29 committees or commissions, may be punished as for contempt

1 of the legislature.

2 ; and

3 Whereas, Pursuant to Rule 37 of the Standing Rules of the
4 House of Representatives, the authority to issue subpoenas shall be
5 granted by resolution; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That, pursuant to
7 Rule 37 of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives, MCL
8 4.101, and MCL 4.541, we hereby grant the House Standing Committee
9 on Oversight the power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and
10 examine the books, records, and files of elected officers,
11 appointees, former appointees, employees, and former employees of
12 state departments, boards, institutions, agencies, or other bodies
13 in the executive branch of state government related to employee
14 separations and severance agreements entered into by the executive
15 branch of state government.