COAT-OF-ARMS AND FLAG
Act 209 of 1911

AN ACT to adopt and prescribe the design of a state coat-of-arms and state flag, and their use; to prohibit the use of the same for advertising purposes; to prescribe standards for the manufacture, sale, and display of certain flags of the United States and the state flag; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—Am. 2012, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 14, 2012.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

2.21 State coat-of-arms; adoption.

Sec. 1. The device and inscriptions of the great seal of the state of Michigan, Anno Domini 1835, presented by Lewis Cass to the forthcoming state, through the constitutional convention and adopted June 2, 1835, and filed with the secretary of the territory, June 24, 1835, and illustrated by a seal with said device and inscriptions attached to a state document, bearing date 1838, and to the constitution of 1850 received and filed in the office of the secretary of state, August 15, 1850, and now on file in said office, omitting the legend "The great seal of the state of Michigan, Anno Domini 1835," is hereby adopted as the coat-of-arms of the state.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1098;—CL 1929, 134;—CL 1948, 2.21.

Compiler's note: For constitutional provision as to great seal of the state of Michigan referred to in this section, see now Const. 1963, Art. III, § 3.

2.22 State coat-of-arms; emblazonment.

Sec. 2. The coat-of-arms shall be blazoned as follows:

Chief, Azure, motto argent Tuebor;

Charge, Azure, sun-rayed rising sinister proper, lake wavey proper, peninsula dexter grassy proper, man dexter on peninsula, rustic, habited, dexter arm-raised, dexter turned, sinister arm with gun stock resting, all proper;

Crest, On a wreath azure and or, an American eagle rising to the dexter, tips of wings partly lowered to base, all proper, dexter talon holding an olive branch with 13 fruit, sinister talon holding a sheaf of 3 arrows, all proper. Over his head a sky azure environed with a scroll gules with the motto "E Pluribus Unum" argent;

Supporters;

Dexter, An elk rampant, proper;

Sinister, A moose rampant, proper;

Mottoes, On the scroll unending superior narrow argent, in sable, the motto, "Si quaeris peninsulam, amoenam."

On the scroll unending inferior, broader argent in sable the motto "circumspice."

Observations:

Scroll support and conventional leaf design between shield and scroll superior or;

Escutcheon supporters rest on the scroll supports and leaf design.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1099;—CL 1929, 135;—CL 1948, 2.22.

2.22a Purchase of United States or state flag; manufacture; applicability to local units of government.

Sec. 2a. (1) This state, including all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or other agencies of this state, shall not purchase a flag of the United States or a state flag of Michigan for display upon a building or property owned, or entirely leased, or operated by this state, including all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or other agencies of this state, unless the flag was manufactured in the United States or a territory of the United States.

(2) This state, including all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, authorities, or other agencies of this state, shall not purchase a flag of the United States or state flag of Michigan for resale unless the flag was manufactured in the United States or a territory of the United States.

(3) This section does not apply to local units of government.

History: Add. 2012, Act 167, Imd. Eff. June 14, 2012.

2.23 State flag.

Sec. 3. The state flag shall be blue charged with the arms of the state.

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History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1100;—CL 1929, 136;—CL 1948, 2.23.

2.24 Governor's flag.

Sec. 4. The governor's flag shall be white charged with the arms of the state.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1101;—CL 1929, 137;—CL 1948, 2.24.

2.25 State coat-of-arms; where hung.

Sec. 5. The device of the arms of the state corresponding to the blazon hereinbefore given shall be painted on some suitable background and hung upon the walls of the executive chamber, the office of the secretary of state, the supreme court room, the senate chamber and hall of the house of representatives.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1102;—CL 1929, 138;—CL 1948, 2.25.

2.26 State coat-of-arms; use on official letterheads and documents.

Sec. 6. No pictorial device other than the arms of the state shall be used in the public offices at the capitol for letter headings and envelopes used for official business. Persons printing and circulating public documents under the authority of the state, when they use a vignette, shall place upon the title pages of the documents the device of the state arms herein prescribed without alterations or additions.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1103;—CL 1929, 139;—CL 1948, 2.26.

2.27 United States flag, state flag; display, expense payment.

Sec. 7. The flag of the United States and the state flag bearing the arms of the state, shall be displayed upon the capitol building during the daily sessions of the legislature and of the supreme court, and on public occasions. The board of state auditors shall see that the flags are so displayed and that the necessary flag staffs shall be placed and flags supplied. The expense thereof shall be allowed by them and paid by the state treasurer upon proper warrant.

History: 1911, Act 209, Eff. Aug. 1, 1911;—CL 1915, 1104;—CL 1929, 140;—CL 1948, 2.27.

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