

**STATE CONSTITUTION (EXCERPT)**  
**CONSTITUTION OF MICHIGAN OF 1963**

**Â§ 1 Judicial power in court of justice; divisions.**

Sec. 1.

Except to the extent limited or abrogated by article IV, section 6, or article V, section 2, the judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

**History:** Const. 1963, Art. VI, Â§ 1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964 ;-- Am. Initiated Law, approved Nov. 6, 2018, Eff. Dec. 22, 2018

**Compiler's Notes:** The constitutional amendment set out above was submitted to, and approved by, the electors as Proposal 18-2 at the November 6, 2018 general election. This amendment to the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 became effective December 22, 2018.

**Constitutionality:** Const 1963, art 6, Â§ 1 and art 9, Â§Â§ 1 and 3 do not require the state to pay the entire cost of trial court operations. It is for the legislature to determine whether to adopt a system of state funding of trial court operations. *Grand Traverse Co v Michigan*, 450 Mich 457; 538 NW2d 1 (1995).

**Former Constitution:** See Const. 1908, Art. VII, Â§ 1.