

EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER (EXCERPT)
E.R.O. No. 2002-2

18.61 Establishment of new e-Michigan advisory council as type I agency within department of information technology; transfer of powers and duties of e-Michigan office to new e-Michigan office by type III transfer; establishment of new e-Michigan advisory council as advisory body; transfer of powers and duties of e-Michigan advisory council to new Michigan advisory council by type III transfer.

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 vests the executive power in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the e-Michigan Office was created to lead all state agencies in electronic government initiatives and policy development, including the development of the award-winning Michigan.gov Internet portal; and

WHEREAS, Michigan.gov is recognized as a national leader among state government Internet service delivery portals; and

WHEREAS, Michigan.gov provides more convenient service to Michigan citizens 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, through an easy-to-understand web connection to government services and information; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that the state continuously build upon e-Michigan's successful advancements in the coordinated delivery of trusted electronic government services; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of electronic government services serves as a catalyst for reengineering the state's current business practices; and

WHEREAS, designing better ways of conducting the business of government yields efficiencies for taxpayers and enhances the quality of life for Michigan's citizens, customers and business partners.

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to effect changes in the organization of the Executive Branch of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the state of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

I. DEFINITIONS

As used herein:

A. "Department of Information Technology" means the principal department of state government created by Executive Order 2001-3, being Section 18.41 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

B. "e-Michigan Advisory Council" means the advisory body created within the e-Michigan Office by Executive Order 2000-6.

C. "e-Michigan Office" means the office created within the Executive Office of the Governor as a temporary agency pursuant to Article V, Section 4, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963, by Executive Order 2000-6.

D. "New e-Michigan Advisory Council" means the advisory body established by this order.

E. "New e-Michigan Office" means the Type I agency established within the Department of Information Technology by this order.

II. CREATION OF THE NEW E-MICHIGAN OFFICE

A. The new e-Michigan Office is hereby created as a Type I agency within the Department of Information Technology. The office shall exercise its prescribed powers, duties and functions independently of the head of the department. All budgeting, procurement and related management functions of the office shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the head of the department.

B. The new e-Michigan Office shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Director shall be a member of the Executive Cabinet and shall regularly attend and fully participate in cabinet meetings and functions.

C. All of the authority, powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of the e-Michigan Office established by Executive Order 2000-6 are transferred to the new e-Michigan Office by Type III transfer as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

III. NEW E-MICHIGAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

A. The new e-Michigan Advisory Council is established as an advisory body within the new e-Michigan Office.

B. The new e-Michigan Advisory Council shall consist of five (5) members. Four (4) of the members shall be appointed by the Governor. The fifth member shall be the Governor, or the Governor's designee, and shall serve as chair of the advisory council.

C. The advisory council shall advise the director of the e-Michigan office on:

1. Best practices for implementation of e-commerce throughout Michigan state government.
2. Future trends in business, government and education relating to the integration of e-commerce in the support of providing services and products in an efficient manner.
3. Best opportunities for the use of e-commerce to offer the type of services desired in order to provide consistent levels of services, develop efficient, effective and secure operations, and attain the highest quality performance.

D. All of the authority, powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of the e-Michigan Advisory Council established by Executive Order 2000-6 are transferred to the new e-Michigan Advisory Council by Type III transfer as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

E. The advisory council may adopt bylaws, consistent with law and this order, to govern its organization and procedure.

F. A majority of the serving members of the advisory council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting, notwithstanding the existence of vacant member positions. Voting upon actions taken by the advisory council shall be conducted by a simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting, whether in person or by use of video-conferencing or tele-conferencing equipment. The advisory council shall meet at the call of the chair and as may be provided in its bylaws. Meetings of the advisory council may be held at any location within the state of Michigan.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. The Director of the new e-Michigan Office shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfers made under this Order. The assigned functions shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the Director of the new e-Michigan Office.

B. The Director of the new e-Michigan Office shall administer the assigned functions transferred by this Order in such ways as to promote efficient administration and shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities prescribed by this Order.

C. The Director of the Department of Information Technology shall immediately initiate coordination with the e-Michigan Office and the e-Michigan Advisory Council to facilitate the transfers and develop memoranda of record identifying any pending settlements, issues of compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, or other obligations to be resolved by the new e-Michigan Office.

D. All records, personnel, property, grants and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds used, held, employed, available or to be made available for the activities, power, duties, functions and responsibilities transferred by this Order are hereby transferred to the new e-Michigan Office.

E. The Director of the new e-Michigan Office shall have the full cooperation of state agencies in re-engineering state business processes to allow services to be transacted through the Internet, or by other electronic means.

F. The Director of the new e-Michigan Office shall utilize the staff of other state agencies for advice and assistance to re-engineer business processes, develop specific electronic government objectives, and establish inter-agency and intra-agency data sharing requirements, policies, procedures and standards to guide the development of Michigan.gov services and transactions for customers of the state of Michigan. All executive branch agencies shall cooperate fully with the new e-Michigan Office in the performance of their respective responsibilities.

G. The State Budget Director shall determine and authorize the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in the state's financial management system for the remainder of the year.

H. The Director of the new e-Michigan Office may hire or retain such contractors, sub-contractors, advisors, consultants and agents as the director may deem advisable and necessary, in accordance with relevant procedures, statutes, rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Management and Budget, and may make and enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the exercise of the powers of and performance of the duties of the office and the director.

I. The new e-Michigan Office may accept grants of funds and donations of funds, property, labor or other things of value from any department or office of the state of Michigan and the United States and from any other public or private office or person for the purpose of furthering e-Michigan services.

K. The Director of the new e-Michigan Office may by written instrument delegate a duty or power

conferred by law or this Order and the person to whom such duty or power is so delegated may perform such duty or exercise such power at the time and to the extent such duty or power is delegated by the Director of the new e-Michigan Office.

L. All rules, orders, contracts and agreements relating to the functions transferred to the new e-Michigan Office by this Order by the responsible state agency shall continue to be effective until revised, amended or rescinded.

M. Any suit, action or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against or before any entity effected by this Order, shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any suit, action or other proceeding may be maintained by, against or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

N. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder thereof.

O. The e-Michigan Office established by Executive Order 2000-6 and the e-Michigan Advisory Council established by Executive Order 2000- 6 are hereby abolished.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of new e-Michigan office and new e-Michigan advisory council to department of information technology and abolishment of new e-Michigan office and new e-Michigan advisory council, see E.R.O. No. 2002-10, compiled at MCL 18.62 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.