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INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THIS GUIDE

Legislative histories provide researchers with the status (i.e., progress in the state legislature) of a bill at any given time. They also identify and sometimes compile the texts of documents that are the result of action taken as a bill goes through each stage of the legislative process. Legislative history materials may also help researchers determine the legislative intent behind a law.

Michigan legislative history documents usually consist of the following items:

- A. *House and Senate Journals*
- B. Michigan Legislature *Final Status*
- C. Bills
- D. Laws
- E. Committee hearings
- F. Committee reports
- G. Committee records
- H. Floor debates
- I. Legislative studies and reports
- J. Executive agency reports
- K. Legislative analyses (bill analyses)
- L. Miscellaneous sources of information
- M. Internet sources
- N. Constitution

This guide is designed to help you find Michigan legislative documents in the Law Library and elsewhere. The guide briefly describes the major sources and notes their locations within the Law Library.

B. WHEN LEGISLATIVE HISTORY IS CONSIDERED BY MICHIGAN COURTS

Michigan case law establishes that, where statutory language is plain and unambiguous, courts avoid examining legislative history. If a statute is ambiguous, however, courts may construe the statute in accordance with the meaning legislators intended to give it. Finding the legislative history of an act is part of the process of determining legislative intent.

C. NOTE ON THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE WEB SITE

The Michigan Legislature web site at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=home> includes material from the last three legislative sessions (six years). Material from sessions prior to that, with full text beginning in 1997 are available on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/>.

FOR HELP, ASK A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN AT THE REFERENCE DESK ON LEVEL S-1.

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

A. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

On the federal level, there are two ways to obtain a legislative history:

1. Locating a previously compiled legislative history; and
2. Compiling your own legislative history.

On the state level, however, previously compiled legislative histories are seldom available. You will likely have to compile your own legislative history.

On the federal level, there are several popular sources for locating legislative history, including the *U.S. Code Congressional and Administrative News*, *Congressional Digest*, *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, *Congressional Index*, and the *Congressional Record*.

On the state level, however, background materials on legislation are rarely compiled in a central location, due to the expense involved and the relatively small number of users of such information.

Therefore, if you seek the legislative history of a Michigan statute, you will likely have to compile your own legislative history for the statute. You should allow more time for so doing than you would have to allow when researching a federal statute.

B. GETTING STARTED

Begin by identifying what you already know about your statute or bill. The information you start with will affect your approach to the research. Listed below are factors to assess before you get started:

1. Statute or bill

Determine whether you want the history of

- a. An enacted statute (a bill that became a law when it was passed by the state legislature);
- b. A bill that failed to become law; or
- c. A bill that is currently being considered by the legislature.

2. Dates

Identify the approximate date the statute was passed or the bill was considered; this will help you identify which sources to consult.

C. PRELIMINARY CITATIONS AND TOPICAL INFORMATION

Note all of the citation and subject information you have for the statute or bill you are researching.

If you lack any of the citations necessary to compile your legislative history, consult the following section, which will enable you to use what you already know about the statute or bill to fill in the missing information. Find the heading that applies to your situation; there you will find a list of sources to consult to locate the other citations.

For enacted statutes (bills that have already become laws)

1. Finding the public act (P.A.) number:

a. When only the subject of the act is known:

i. *Generally*

Use the subject index volumes to *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* to find the citation. *M.C.L.A.* is located in REF COLL, S-1C and in MICH COLL, S-2N. The index to the set will refer you to the code citation. The public act number and year (e.g., P.A. 1962, No.174, § 2315) appear at the end of the text of the statute.

You may also search the current *Michigan Compiled Laws* by keyword on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>. The public act number and year appear at the end in the “history” section. Additionally “frequently requested” laws are arranged by subject at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=mostrequestedbycategory>.

ii. *When a law has been enacted very recently*

New laws are published first in *West’s Michigan Legislative Service* (REF COLL, S-1C and MICH COLL, S-2N), a series of pamphlets that is published around 6 times per year. These pamphlets provide the text of new laws in order of public act number. They also contain a brief alphabetical listing of the acts by subject in the front of each volume, a cumulative subject index in the back of each volume, and a handy table that converts house and senate bill numbers into public act numbers.

You may also search public acts since 1997 by keyword on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

iii. *For early Michigan statutes*

There are several indexes available for early Michigan statutes: *Index to the local and special acts of the state of Michigan, 1803 to 1927* (closed stacks, MC 24 index 1803-1927); *Index to the Compiled laws and Public acts* (closed stacks, MC 25 index 1906); *Index of the Michigan statutes, 1904* (MICH COLL, S-2N); *Laws of the territory of Michigan, with marginal notes and index...* (closed stacks, MC 23 1820); *Reid’s index to the amended laws of Michigan* (closed stacks, MC 25 index 1867).

b. When only the short or popular name of the act is known:

i. *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.) -- Popular Name Table*

The popular name table is located in the last general index volume of *M.C.L.A.* This source alphabetically lists popular names of selected acts and refers you to the code citation in *M.C.L.A.* The public act number and year (e.g., P.A. 1962, No.174, § 2315) appear at the end of the text of the statute.

You may also search the current *Michigan Compiled Laws* by popular name or keyword at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>.

ii. *Frequently Requested Acts Website*

The Michigan Legislature has a website at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=mostrequested> that contains the full text of selected acts. The public act number and year appear in the “history” section at the end of the text of the statute.

iii. *Shepard’s Acts and Cases by Popular Name*

This source (located in the Reference Collection) contains citations for selected state and federal acts and can refer you to the code citation in *M.C.L.A.* The public act number and year (e.g., P.A. 1962, No.174, § 2315) appear at the end of the text of the statute.

c. When only the *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* citation is known:

Look up the cited section in *M.C.L.A.* (located in Ref Coll and Mich Coll or search *Michigan Compiled Laws* on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>). The public act number and year (e.g., P.A. 1962, No.174, § 2315) will appear at the end of the text of the statute.

d. When only the *Michigan Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.)* citation is known:

Look up the conversion table from *M.S.A.* to *M.C.L.A.* located in one of the Tables volumes at the end of *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)*. That table will give you the correct *M.C.L.A.* citation. Look up the cited section in the main volumes of *M.C.L.A.* The public act number and year (e.g., P.A. 1962, No.174, § 2315) appear at the end of the text of the statute.

2. Finding the *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* citation

a. When only the public act (P.A.) number and year are known:

Look in the conversion table that converts public act numbers to *M.C.L.A.* sections located in one of the “Tables” volumes at the end of *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated*. Make sure you look up the public act number under the correct year. You may have to look in a supplementary “Tables” volume or a pocket part in order to find conversion tables for recent public acts. Bear in mind that a single public act may modify several *M.C.L.A.* sections.

You can also search *Michigan Compiled Law*. by public act number at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>. This search should retrieve all *M.C.L.A.* sections affected by that public act number.

b. When only the bill number and year are known:

Beginning in the 1997-1998 legislative session you can search by bill number at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. You need to specify the year and the bill number. The result will indicate both the public act number as well as the *M.C.L.* sections that the public act added or amended.

Prior to the 1997-1998 legislative session, you will have to convert the bill number to a public act number, and then convert the public act number to the *M.C.L.A.* citation. Find the transfer table of bill numbers to public act numbers in the appropriate volume by year of the Michigan Legislature’s *Final Status*. (MICH COLL, S-2N). The transfer table will be located near the end of the volume. Once you have the public act number, look in the conversion table that converts public act numbers to *M.C.L.A.* sections located in one of the “Tables” volumes at the end of the *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated* set. (REF COLL, S-1C and MICH COLL, S-2N). Make sure you look up the public act number in the correct year. You may have to look in a supplementary “Tables” volume or a pocket part in order to find conversion tables for recent public acts. A single public act may modify several *M.C.L.A.* sections.

c. When only the subject of the law is known:

Look in the general index to *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C), under as many synonyms for the subject area as it takes to find the correct law. Alternately, look in the general index under the heading “words and phrases” to see if a key word is listed there.

You may also search *Michigan Compiled Laws* by keyword on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>.

d. When only the popular name of the law is known:

Use the popular name index located after general index in the last index volume of *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C).

You may also search the current *Michigan Compiled Laws* by popular name at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>.

3. Finding the bill number

a. For bills that have become law:

i) When only the public act number and year are known:

For 1997 forward, search public acts at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. The result will indicate the bill number for the act.

Prior to 1997, you will need to find the transfer table of public act numbers to bill numbers in the appropriate volume by year of the Michigan Legislature's *Final Status*. (MICH COLL, S-2N). The transfer table will be located near the end of the volume.

Alternately, use the Table of Acts and Bill Numbers in the back of the last volume for the appropriate year of the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan* and/or the *Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N).

ii) When only the Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.) citation is known:

You will have to convert the *M.C.L.A.* citation to a public act number, and then convert the public act number to a bill number. A section of *M.C.L.A.* may have been amended many times, so you may have several public act numbers and bill numbers to look up for one section of *M.C.L.A.* Look up the appropriate section of *M.C.L.A.* The public act number(s) and year(s) (e.g., P.A. 1962, No.174, § 2315) appear at the end of the text of the statute. Find the transfer table of public act numbers to bill numbers in the appropriate volume by year of the Michigan Legislature's *Final Status* or the *House and Senate Journals* (MICH COLL, S-2N). The transfer table will be located near the end of the volume.

On the web, search *Michigan Compiled Laws* by section number at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch> and note the public act number indicated in the "history" section. For public acts from 1997 forward, search by public act number at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. The result will indicate the bill number for the act. For public acts prior to 1997, follow the steps indicated in the paragraph above.

iii) When only the sponsor and year are known:

For 1997 forward, search bills by sponsor and year at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=SponsorSearch> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

Prior to 1997, look in the sponsor index in the appropriate volume by year of the Michigan Legislature's *Final Status*. (MICH COLL, S-2N). Bills that became law are marked with a star.

b. For bills that failed to become laws

i) When only the topic and year of the bill are known:

For the latest three legislative sessions, search bills by keyword and year at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or by “category” (subject) and year at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=CategorySearch> or <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=DetailedCategorySearch> (more specific). For other sessions beginning in 1997 search on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

Prior to 1997, use the bill and joint resolution index (subject index) in the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan* and/or the *Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan*. (MICH COLL, S-2N). Look up the topic of your bill in this index in the volume that covers the appropriate year and appropriate house of the legislature. If you do not know in which house of the legislature the bill originated, you may have to use the bill and joint resolution indexes from both the *House Journal* and the *Senate Journal*. Remember that a year of the *House Journal* and the *Senate Journal* will be covered by more than one volume (a year may be covered by anywhere from two to five volumes). The indexes are in the last volume for each year.

Alternately, use the categorical index in the appropriate volume by year of the Michigan Legislature’s *Final Status* (MICH COLL, S-2N). The index is located near the front of the volume. Bills that failed to become law do not have a star next to them.

ii) When only the sponsor and year of the bill are known:

For 1997 forward, search bills by sponsor and year at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=SponsorSearch> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

Prior to 1997, use the general index in the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan* and/or the *Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N). Look up the last name of the bill’s sponsor in this index in the volume that covers the appropriate year and appropriate house of the legislature. Remember that a year in the *House Journal* and the *Senate Journal* may be covered by more than one volume (a year may be covered by anywhere from two to five volumes). The indexes will be found in the last volume for each year.

Alternately, use the sponsor index in the appropriate volume by year of the Michigan Legislature’s *Final Status* (MICH COLL, S-2N). The index is located near the front of the volume. Bills that failed to become law do not have a star next to them.

c. For bills whose year of introduction is not known:

Use the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan* for bills introduced in the House, and the *Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan* for bills introduced in the Senate. Search the bill and joint resolution index (subject index) for the bill’s topic and/or the general index (name index) for the bill’s sponsor for all years in which the bill could have been introduced.

If you think the bill was introduced in 1997 or later, you can search by keyword at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> (links to the sponsor or and “category” (subject) search screens are on that page as well) or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. You will have to search each available session of the legislature separately.

d. For bills that are currently under consideration by the Legislature

i) When only the topic of the bill is known:

Search bills by keyword and year at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or by “category” (subject) and year at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=CategorySearch> or <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=DetailedCategorySearch> (more specific).

ii) By browsing

If the keyword search does not work, you can browse bills from the current session of the legislature by number at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> under the heading “Browse Bills by Session.” Using the brute force method, you can browse every bill from the current session to see if it is the correct one.

COMPILING YOUR OWN LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

A. House and Senate Journals

The first sources of background material you should examine are the *House and Senate Journals*:

Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan 1835- [The years 1835-1869 are in LR (Locked Range), except for 1855, which is in MICH COLL, S-2N; the years 1870-present are in MICH COLL, S-2N.]

Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan 1837- [The years 1837-1870 are in LR (Locked Range); the years 1870-present are in MICH COLL, S-2N.]

House Journals and *Senate Journals* since 1997 are available online at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Journals>, the Michigan Legislature website, or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. For 1997 forward, note that when you search a bill at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home> the bill information page includes links to actions on that bill in the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*. See discussion of finding bill numbers at pp. 5-6 for more assistance.

1. What the *House and Senate Journals* contain:

These journals are *not* a transcript of the proceedings of the legislature, but they do contain citation information, names of a bill’s sponsors, names of the committees that considered the bill, dates when action was taken on the bill, and roll call votes. These journals sometimes also contain amendments to bills that were defeated, “no vote” explanations by members, and titles of committee reports.

2. Using the tables and indexes in the *House and Senate Journals* to track a bill’s history

The tables and indexes in the *House Journal* (MICH COLL, S-2N) and the *Senate Journal* (MICH COLL, S-2N) allow you to track a bill’s history. Start your search of the tables and indexes in the year that you think the law was passed; you may also have to search the tables and indexes in the preceding or subsequent issues. Your first step should be to find the bill number.

3. Finding the bill number

a) Finding a bill number when you know the topic of the bill:

Use the bill and joint resolution index or the general index for the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*.

b) Finding a bill number when you know the public act number:

Use the table of acts and bill numbers in the back of the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*.

See discussion of finding bill numbers at pp. 5-6 for more assistance.

4. Tracking all actions taken on a bill by the Michigan Legislature:

For bills from 1997 forward, search bills at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home> and the bill information page includes links to actions on that bill in the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*.

For all years, look at the bill history sections (history of house bills in the house, history of senate bills in the house, history of house bills in the senate, history of senate bills in the senate) in the back of the *House Journal* or *Senate Journal*. These sections list which actions were taken on a bill and when they were taken, and refer you to the relevant pages of the *Journal* detailing those actions. If the page numbers listed in the bill history sections are printed in bold type, the numbers refer to pages in the prior year's *Journal*.

5. Tracking all actions on resolutions introduced:

For the latest three legislative sessions, you can search House and Senate Resolutions at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Resolutions>, House and Senate Joint Resolutions at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=JointResolutions>, House and Senate Concurrent Resolutions at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=ConcurrentResolutions>. Resolutions from other sessions, beginning in 1997 can be searched on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. The resolution information page includes links to actions on that resolution in the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*.

For all years look in the resolution history sections (history of house resolutions in the house, history of house concurrent resolutions in the house, history of senate resolutions in the senate, history of senate concurrent resolutions in the senate) in the back of the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*.

6. Finding all the bills and resolutions introduced by a particular legislator:

From 1997 forward you can search by sponsor at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=SponsorSearch> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>. The results list will include all bills and resolutions sponsored by that legislator.

For all years, use the “bills and resolutions introduced by representatives” section in the back of the *House Journal* or *Senate Journal* for each year that the legislator served in the Michigan legislature.

B. Michigan Legislature *Final Status*

For 1964-2002, the “House Bills” and “Senate Bills” sections of Michigan Legislature *Final Status* (MICH COLL, S-2N) provide a list of what actions happened when for each bill. This information is also available in the *House Journal* and/or the *Senate Journal* (MICH COLL, S-2N), as noted above.

For bills from 1997 forward, search bills at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home> and the bill information page includes links to actions on that bill in the *House Journal* or the *Senate Journal*.

C. Bills

1. Bills as introduced

Texts of bills as introduced (starting in 1931) are bound and shelved in MICH COLL, S-2N. For 1997-present, bills as they are introduced are available on the Michigan Legislature website at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

2. Intermediate versions of bills

Bills may go through many versions before passage by either or both legislative houses. These intermediate versions are sometimes available at the Law Library, but are more often available at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. For 1997-present, some intermediate versions of bills are available via the bill search on the Michigan Legislature website at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

A history of actions taken on a bill is available through the *House and Senate Journals*, or (for bills introduced since 1997) linked from the results page of a bill search at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

3. Final Versions of Bills/“Enrolled Bills”

Final versions of bills are “Enrolled Bills.” Enrolled bills contain the text of the bill as passed by both houses and sent to the Governor for signature. Enrolled bills (starting in 1931) are bound and shelved in MICH COLL, S-2N.

For 1997 to present, enrolled bills are linked from the results page of a bill search at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

D. Laws

1. Where the laws are:

Michigan has one official codification and two unofficial codifications of its laws. The unofficial codifications are easier to update and provide more information for the researcher.

a) *Michigan Compiled Laws, 1979* (official codification)

The official codification of Michigan statutes is *Michigan Compiled Laws, 1979*. (MICH COLL, S-2N) This compilation reflects the laws as they stood at the end of 1979. It must be updated using the *Public and Local Acts—Michigan* (1871- in MICH COLL, S-2N; 1835- in closed stacks, LR [locked range]) or *West’s Michigan Legislative Service* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C). Earlier official codifications of the laws were printed in 1857, 1871, 1897, 1915, 1929, 1948, 1970, and 1979. (MICH COLL, S-2N, except for 1857 edition, which is in closed stacks, MC 25 1857 and in closed stacks, LR [locked range])

You may search the up-to-date *Michigan Compiled Laws* at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>.

b) *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* (unofficial codification)

The text of current laws is available through *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C). It is updated by supplements and pocket parts and by *West’s Michigan Legislative Service* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C).

c) *Michigan Compiled Laws Service* (unofficial codification).

The text of current laws is also available through *Michigan Compiled Laws Service* (MICH COLL, S-2N). It is updated by supplements and pocket parts and by *Advanced Legislative Service* (MICH COLL, S-2N).

d) *Public and Local Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan* (session laws).

Michigan's session laws are published in *Public and Local Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N). The session laws are the laws presented in the order in which they have been passed by the legislature (instead of codified by subject, as they are in *M.C.L.A.*, for example). They can prove useful tools for tracking changes to a particular law over the years. Volumes from 1998 forward are also available at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?Page=Publications>. Public acts from 1997 forward also available by search at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

e) *Howell's*

The Law Library owns two editions of Andrew Howell's compilations of and annotations to Michigan statutes. The 1882 edition is *The general statutes of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N, or closed stacks, MC 25 1882); the 1913-14 edition is *Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N, or closed stacks, MC 25 1913).

f) *Revised Statutes of the State of Michigan*

These compilations were made in 1838 and 1846 (closed stacks, LR [locked range]).

g) How to find very recent legislation:

Very recently passed laws are available in *West's Michigan Legislative Service* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C), the "Current Legislation" Binder of *Michigan Statutes Annotated* (MICH COLL, S-2N), or on the Michigan Legislature web site at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs>.

2. How to figure out when a law has been amended:

When you have the *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* citation:

Look up the relevant section(s) in the most recent version of *M.C.L.A.* (don't forget to try the pocket part first) (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C) or the *Michigan Compiled Laws* on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>. Immediately below the statute, there will be a list of amendments to the statute, along with the public act (P.A.) number and year. The historical and statutory notes section that sometimes follows may give details about which parts of the act were amended by which amendments. Look up the public acts for the amendments that interest you in *Public and Local Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N) or 1997 forward at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

When the law has been repealed:

Try looking up the law under its old *M.C.L.A.* section number in the current version of *M.C.L.A.* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C) or in *Michigan Compiled Laws* on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>. There may be a note there about the fact of repeal (including the public act number and year for the repealing

amendment) and a historical note or historical and statutory notes section that lists all amendments to the law. If there is no note there, look in successively older versions of *Michigan Compiled Laws (M.C.L.)* (MICH COLL, S-2N) until you find the law and its accompanying notes. Look up the public acts for the amendments that interest you in *Public and Local Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N) or 1997 forward at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

When you have the public act number and year:

Use the conversion table in one of the Tables volumes of *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C) to convert the public act number and year into an *M.C.L.A.* citation. Then follow the instructions under a) or b) immediately above.

For public acts from 1997 forward the results list from a search at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home> will indicate and link to the *Michigan Compiled Laws* section affected.

3. How to track all prior amendments to a law

Look up the sections of law in which you are interested in *Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)* (MICH COLL, S-2N and REF COLL, S-1C) or in *Michigan Compiled Laws* on the web at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>. After each section of the law, you will see a “Historical Note” section that lists the prior session laws (by year and public act number) that instituted or changed that section of the law. [In the more recent pocket parts, there is a list of amendments to the statute immediately below it, along with the Public Act number and year. The “Historical and Statutory notes” section that sometimes follows may give more details about which parts of the act were amended by which amendments.]

You can use this information in two ways to track prior amendments to the law:

You can look up each public act mentioned in the Historical Note section in *Public and Local Acts of the Legislature of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N) to see how a law has changed over the years. This is the most thorough way of tracking changes, since it will catch multiple changes between official codifications.

You can also use the references in the historical note section that show the section number for that law in earlier editions of *Michigan Compiled Laws* (the official codification of the laws) from various years (official codifications of the laws were printed in 1857, 1871, 1897, 1915, 1929, 1948, 1970, and 1979). Use those notations to look at the appropriate section numbers in all of the prior versions of *Michigan Compiled Laws*. This is a less reliable way of tracking changes to the law, since multiple amendments to the law could have occurred between codifications, and not all of them will wind up in the official codifications.

For very old laws, you may also see references to sections of *Revised Statutes of the State of Michigan* (closed stacks, LR [locked range]). These compilations were made in 1838 and 1846.

E. Committee Hearings

Hearings are transcripts of testimony before a House or Senate Committee about a bill. Most hearings held by the Michigan Legislature are unpublished. The library’s holdings of a few selected hearings may be accessed by doing a Lexcalibur author search under Michigan. Legislature. House of Representatives [or Senate]. Name of Committee. The title will be the name of the hearing.

You can also find lists of committee hearings in *Michigan Documents*, a bibliography of state documents compiled by the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Lists from 1952-1978 are available at call number BIBLIOG MI_Docum, located in the Closed Stacks. Hearings found with this research tool are available for public use from the Library of Michigan. As of this update, only the 1952-1978 holdings information is in its on-line catalog, "ANSWER." ANSWER can be found at <http://35.9.2.51/search~S37>. The Library has plans to add hearings for 1979 to present to ANSWER.

For recent sessions, some House Committees (linked from <http://house.michigan.gov/committees.asp>) include testimony on their web sites. No Senate Committees have web sites as of this update.

Videotapes of some hearings from 1996 forward are available for a fee from MGTV, Michigan Government Television. See <http://www.mgtv.org/> for more information.

F. Committee Reports

Committee reports contain a committee's recommendation on the passage of a bill and a voting record of its members. These records tend to be brief. They are available at the Library of Michigan, in Lansing. Search the Library of Michigan catalog, ANSWER, at <http://35.9.2.51/search~S37>. Some House Committees include this type of information on their web sites (linked from <http://house.michigan.gov/committees.asp>).

G. Legislative Committee Records

Committee records may include committee minutes (date, time, place of meeting; decisions made; roll call votes), bill analyses, letters and written testimony submitted to the committee. Recordings or transcripts of public hearings may also be available.

As of this writing, the State Archives contain some House committee records 1965-1969, most House committee records from 1969-1998, some Senate committee records from 1965-1982, most Senate committee records from 1979-1996, and many Special committee records from 1949-present. See the Archive of Michigan "Circulars" at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18637_20992---,00.html (listed under "Legislative Records") for more exact holdings and to see if additional records have been added.

Some House Committees (linked from <http://house.michigan.gov/committees.asp>) include minutes and other documents on their web sites

Committee Bill Records for the current legislative session are available at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=CommitteeBillRecord>.

H. Floor Debates

The *House and Senate Journals -- Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan* and *Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan* (MICH COLL, S-2N) -- contain a record of actions taken on legislative matters on the House and Senate floors. Using these records, you can figure out on which date(s) your bill was debated.

The State Archives have recordings of House sessions 1970-1980. The Clerk of the House has recordings of House sessions 1981-present. The Secretary of the Senate has tape recordings of Senate sessions from 1970-present. These are available with the approval of the Majority leader.

Videotapes of floor debates from 1996 forward are available for a fee from MGTV, Michigan Government Television. See <http://www.mgtv.org/> for more information.

I. Legislative Studies and Reports

The Library of Michigan and the State Law Library may have some legislative studies and reports. These are usually indexed by subject, not by bill or act number. You can also contact special or interim committees, caucus

staff, standing committee staff, legislators, the House and Senate fiscal agencies, the Auditor General, the Law Revision Commission, and the Uniform State Law Commission.

The Michigan Law Revision Commission examines state laws and judicial decisions, considers proposals for changes, and recommends revisions and reforms to the legislature. The Michigan Law Revision Commission authors an annual *Report* (MICH COLL, S-2N), which lists the issues being considered that year and which may contain study reports. The *Report* lists enactments of laws based on the commission's recommendations and lists which issue contains the study report for that topic. Reports beginning with 1995 are available at <http://council.legislature.mi.gov/mlrc.html>.

Also, see <http://council.legislature.mi.gov/mcusi.html> for more information on the Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws.

J. Executive Agency Reports

Executive agency reports are prepared by a governor's task force or commission, or by an executive agency. Commissions and agencies often put out annual reports, which may or may not comment on pending legislation. These reports may be available at the Law Library but the Library of Michigan has more of these materials. Check the catalog information at <http://35.9.2.51/search~S37> – the Library of Michigan's on-line catalog, called ANSWER.

K. Bill Analyses

Bill analyses are analyses of pending legislation. They include a statement of the problem being addressed, arguments for and against the bill, and other background information. Bill analyses are written by state agencies, the House Legislative Analysis Section [(517) 373-6466], the Senate Fiscal Agency [(517) 373-2768], the House Fiscal Agency [(517) 373-8080], or by legislative caucus staffs. The Library of Michigan Information Services Unit has a bill analyses collection from 1970-present (some bill analyses are also available for 1968-69).

The U. of Michigan Law Library has bill analyses from 1973-1985 bound with the bill being analyzed. From 1986-on, they are bound separately. (MICH COLL, S-2N). From 1997-present, they are linked from the results page of a bill search at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Bills> or on the Archive site at <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

House Fiscal Agency reports are available on their web site, 1996 – present, at <http://house.michigan.gov/hfa/>. Senate Fiscal Agency reports are available on their web site, at <http://senate.michigan.gov/sfa/>.

L. Other sources of information

1. Bill Request Folders

Bill request folders contain correspondence and related documents requesting the Legislative Service Bureau to draft a particular bill. They are not currently available for public use.

2. Michigan and National Newspapers

Michigan and national newspapers may contain background information on legislation:

The Detroit News index is available from 1873-present at the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, Call #: FILM X881.

The Michigan Newspaper Index indexes the *Detroit News*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Grand Rapids Press*, and the *Lansing State Journal*. The Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library has 1984-1985 (Grad Library Serials, MICRO-F X340).

The *New York Times* index is available from 1913-2004 in the law library (Bibliog, Closed Stacks). The *New York Times* is available in searchable full-text via Proquest. See the record in Lexcalibur at <http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/?SEARCH=1078214> for the link.

3. Legal Journals

The *Michigan Bar Journal* and other law journals may contain discussions of pending or recently enacted legislation. These journals are indexed on [LegalTrac](#) (may require authentication) and [Index to Legal Periodicals/Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective](#) (may require authentication).

4. Lobbying Groups, Legislators, and Agencies

You may also wish to contact the groups that lobbied for the passage of legislation (for any information they have retained on the passage of the bill), the legislators who sponsored the bill (for information on reports or press releases pertaining to the bill), and the state and local agencies that administer an act (for rules, regulations, policies, or guidelines that might explain how the law has been interpreted).

Internet Sources

University of Michigan Documents Center

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/index.html>

Excellent, comprehensive website for the University of Michigan Documents Center; links to a variety of sources for governmental information.

Michigan Legislature—Bills, Intermediate Versions of Bills, Enrolled Bills, Fiscal Bill Analyses, Bill Histories, House and Senate Journals

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>

Allows you to search bills and to see versions as first introduced, as passed by the house and senate, as enrolled; has fiscal bill analyses and bill histories (what action was taken when). Also has *House and Senate Journals* from 1997-present.

Michigan Legislature—Michigan Compiled Laws

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch>

Searchable by full-text or within a number of fields.

Michigan Legislature—M.C.L. Tables

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLTables>

Michigan Compiled Laws Tables; PDF format; available for latest three legislative sessions.

Michigan Legislature—Public Act Tables

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs> or
<http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=PublicActs>

Public Act Tables from; PDF format; available 1998 to present.

Michigan Legislature—Legislative Information Searching

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=LegAdvancedSearch>

Michigan Legislature website allows you to search across several legislative materials from the latest three legislative session; full-text keyword search available; can search House and Senate calendars, *House and Senate Journals*, bills, public acts, resolutions, legislative analyses, committee records (latest session only), and fiscal analyses.

State Archives—Main Web Page

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19273_19313---,00.html

State Archives—General Reference Services

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18640_18660-57424--,00.html

State Archives of Michigan General Reference Services; provides information about how patrons may submit reference requests about records of Special Committees, Standing House Committees, and Standing Senate Committees.

State Archives—Collection Information

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18637_20992---,00.html

State Archives of Michigan list of circulars detailing what the archives has in its collection on a particular subject.

N. Michigan Constitution

The text of the 1963 Michigan Constitution is searchable at

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLconstitutionSearch>

The texts of Michigan's three earlier constitutions (adopted in 1835, 1850, and 1908) are available on-line at

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=historicaldocuments>

FINDING LEGISLATIVE MATERIALS

Note: Materials on the Michigan Legislature site that are prior to the latest three legislative sessions are on the Archive site: <http://archive.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home>.

ITEM	DATES	LOCATION	FORMAT	HOW TO FIND
House and Senate Bills as introduced	1931-present	MICH COLL	Paper	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number.
House and Senate Bills as introduced	1997-Present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number.
Text of Bills – intermediate version	Older-present	Law library may have these, but not necessarily. More likely place to find them is Library of Michigan in Lansing. Alternately, look at all references to amendment of the bill in the House and Senate Journals – these might show when certain language was added or dropped.	Paper	Need bill number and house of legislature.
House and Senate bills – Intermediate Version	1997-Present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number.
Text of Enrolled Bills (final version of bills as sent to governor for signature)	1931-present	MICH COLL	Paper	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number.
Enrolled Bills	1997-Present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number.
Public Acts	1835-present	Law Library: MICH COLL, 1870-present; LR (Locked Range), 1835-present University Library: Buhr, 1837-1980; Documents Center, 1980-on Call #: K .M62 A2	Paper	Need year and act number.
Public Acts	1998-present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Need year and act number.
<i>Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)</i>	Current	MICH COLL and REF COLL.	Paper	Need section number, or use indices or tables to translate keywords or public act numbers into <i>M.C.L.A.</i> sections.
<i>Michigan Compiled Laws (M.C.L.)</i>	1979	MICH COLL, Reading Room, and LR (locked range)	Paper	Need section number.
<i>Michigan Compiled Laws (M.C.L.)</i>	Current	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=MCLAdvancedSearch	Electronic	Full-text search or within specific fields.
<i>Journal of the House of</i>	1835-present	MICH COLL, 1871 - present LR (Locked Range), 1835-1870	Paper	Need bill number, or use indexes or table in the last

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<i>Representatives of the State of Michigan (House Journal)</i>				volume for each year to translate keyword or public act number into bill number.
<i>Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan (House Journal)</i>	1997 - present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Search full-text or browse.
<i>Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan (House Journal)</i>	1835-present	BENTLEY HIST LIB Storage Call #: EA 46 H842	Paper	Non-Circulating. Check MIRLYN for holdings (some issues damaged or missing). Title is "Journal"; Author is "Michigan. Legislature. House of Representatives." Then ask at Bentley Historical Library for access. Some volumes are bound with Senate Journal
<i>Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan (Senate Journal)</i>	1837-present	<u>Law Library</u> : LR (locked range) 1837-1870; MICH COLL, 1871 – present <u>University Library</u> : Buhr, 1835-1968; Graduate Library, 1969 – present (Call #: J87 .M5b); Documents Center, latest issues	Paper	Need bill number, or use indexes or table in the last volume for each year to translate keyword or public act number into bill number.
<i>Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan (Senate Journals)</i>	1997 - present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Search full-text or browse.
<i>House and Senate Journals</i>	1835-present (House) and 1837-present (Senate)	Library of Michigan—Main Library	Paper	Need year and bill number, or use indexes or table in the last volume for each year to translate keyword or public act number into bill number.
<i>Final Status</i>	1964-1998	MICH COLL; DOCUMENTS CTR (Non-Circulating): Call #: KFM4215 .A32 (Doc Center has 1975/1976-1993)	Paper	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number or sponsor. Transfer tables in back of volume convert bill numbers to public act numbers and public act numbers to bill numbers
<i>Final Status</i>	1964-2002	MICH COLL	Paper	Need year, house of legislature, and bill number or subject.
Bill Histories (like those found in <i>House and Senate</i>)	1997-Present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Linked from bill search results list. Need year, house of legislature, and bill

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<i>Journals)</i>				number.
Committee Hearings	Selected	<u>Law Library</u> : various, most start with MC 48. Law library has <i>very</i> few of these. <u>University Library</u> has a few hearings (Using MIRLYN, do an “a” search by Michigan. Legislature. House of Representatives. [or Senate] Name of Committee)	Paper	Do a Lexcalibur “Author” search for Michigan. Legislature. Senate. [or House of Representatives]. Name of committee.
Committee Hearings	1952-1978	Library of Michigan—Main Library in Lansing has some of these. Selected hearings only.	Paper	Use <i>Michigan Documents</i> (BIBLIOG MI_Docum, Level S-1N) in our Library to see what hearings are available in Lansing.
Committee Hearings	1979-present	Library of Michigan in Lansing	Paper or fiche	To be cataloged (but are not as of this writing) in online catalog at http://35.9.2.51/search~S37
House and Senate Committee Hearings	1996 – present (selected)	MGTV: http://www.mgtv.org/	Video	Need to know committee name and date. There is an associated fee.
House Committee Testimony	Selected	Committee web site linked from http://house.michigan.gov/committees.asp	PDF or html	Need to know at least the committee, year, and subject.
Committee Reports	Various	Library of Michigan—Main Library in Lansing. Selected reports only. Graduate Library has a few reports also. (Using MIRLYN, do an “a” search by Michigan. Legislature. House of representatives. [or Senate] Name of Committee)	Paper	Use Library of Michigan’s on-line catalog ANSWER, at http://35.9.2.51/search~S37
House Committee Records	1965-1998 (selected)	State Archives in Lansing.	Paper Or film	Name of committee, bill number, and year. See Circular at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18637_20992---.00.html for locator tool.
Senate Committee Records	1965-1996 (selected)	State Archives in Lansing	Paper	Name of committee, bill number, and year. See Circular at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18637_20992---.00.html for locator tool.
Committee Bill Records	Current session	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=CommitteeBillRecord	PDF	Need committee name.
House Floor Debates	1970-1980	State Archives in Lansing	Recording	Need to know date.

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House Floor Debates	1981-present	Clerk of the House	Recording	Need to know date. Contact the Clerk of the House for more information.
Senate Floor Debates	1970-present	Secretary of the Senate	Recording	Need to know date. Contact the Secretary of the Senate for more information.
Floor Debates	1996 – present	MGTV: http://www.mgtv.org/	Video	Need to know date. There is an associated fee.
Legislative Studies and Reports	Selected	Library of Michigan	Paper	Usually indexed by subject, <i>not</i> by bill or act number. Can search Library of Michigan's on-line catalog ANSWER, available at http://35.9.2.51/search~S37 Do an "Author" search for Michigan. Legislature. Senate. [or House of Representatives] name of committee
Legislative Studies and Reports	Proposed law reforms	Michigan Law Revision Commission's Annual <i>Report</i> , MICH COLL, S-2N, 1966 to present. http://council.legislature.mi.gov/mlrc.html , 1995 to present	Paper, PDF, or html	Look in the appropriate years for the report – you may have to look through several years before the bill you are researching was introduced or the law you are researching was passed. There is sometimes a Table of Contents in the front, but sometimes there is just a list of topics the committee is considering. You may have to flip through the reports (there are a few per issue) to find out if one exists on your topic.
Executive Agency Reports	Most Reports	Library of Michigan	Paper	Michigan's executive agencies and commissions often put out annual reports, which may or may not comment on pending legislation about the subject area under their control. Search Library of Michigan's on-line catalog ANSWER, available at http://35.9.2.51/search~S37 Try an "author" search for Michigan. Name of Commission [or Name of Department]. If that search

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				is not successful, try a keyword search.
Executive Agency Reports	Selected Reports	State Archives	Paper	Bound with Committee Reports
House Fiscal Reports	Selected Reports	House Fiscal Agency in Lansing Graduate Library also has selected years. (Using MIRLYN, do an "a" search for Michigan. Legislature. House of Representatives. Fiscal Agency.)	Paper	Need to explain scope of research project.
House Fiscal Reports	1996 - present	House Fiscal Agency web site http://house.michigan.gov/hfa/	PDF or html	Need title/topic or session.
Senate Fiscal Reports	1980-present	Senate Fiscal Agency in Lansing Graduate Library also has selected years. (Using MIRLYN, do an "a" search for Michigan Legislature Senate Fiscal Agency.)	Paper	Need title or topic of report and date, if possible.
Senate Fiscal Reports	1997 – present	Senate Fiscal Agency web site http://senate.michigan.gov/sfa/	PDF	Need session or title/topic.
House and Senate Fiscal Analyses	1997-Present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Need bill number, house of legislature, and year. Linked from bill search results page.
Legislative Analyses (Bill Analyses)	1973-1985	MICH COLL, S-2N, bound with the bill being analyzed.	Paper	Analysis is bound with the bill being analyzed.
Legislative Analyses (Bill Analyses)	1986-present	MICH COLL, S-2N, bound separately	Paper	Analysis is bound separately.
House Legislative Analyses (Bill Analyses)	1973-present	House Legislative Analysis Section in Lansing	Paper	Need bill number and year.
Senate Legislative Analyses (Bill Analyses)	1980-present	Senate Fiscal Agency	Paper	Need bill number and year.
Legislative Analyses (Bill Analyses)	1968-72 (selected), 1973-present	Library of Michigan in Lansing – in their Reference Collection under Michigan Docs	Paper	Need bill number and year.
Legislative Analyses (Bill Analyses)	1997-Present	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=Home	PDF	Need bill number, house of legislature, and year. Linked from bill search results page.

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Lansing, Michigan 48909-7507
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Reference: (517) 373-1300
Reference email: librarian@michigan.gov
Ask a Librarian: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18640_18659---,00.html

Michigan House of Representatives
Anderson House Office Building
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