

Government Documents Center Help Guides

Series M - Locating Michigan Materials

Part 1 - Statutory Materials

Michigan statutory law in all stages, bills, public acts, and statutory enactments. Covers all subjects upon which the state legislature has enacted or is currently considering the creation of codified law.

Michigan Compiled Laws. The official version of current laws in force. Cited as M.C.L. § XX.XXX. The M.C.L. is annotated, meaning it provides brief summaries of case law related to listed statutes. Formerly a private annotated version of the M.C.L. existed entitled Michigan Statutes Annotated, M.S.A. M.S.A. was numbered differently than the M.C.L. M.S.A. was recently revised and renamed Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated, M.C.L.A. The numbering system for M.C.L.A. mirrors that of M.C.L. Some M.S.A. references may remain in some resources.

Paper :	~ The current version was published in 1979.
<i>Doc.Cen. KFM 4230 1979 .A24-Ref.</i>	~ Each statute includes a history section that lists the Public Act numbers of its original enactment and each amendment. ~ Contains a copy of the Michigan Constitution (1963) in the first volume.

Online:	~ 1997 -
<i>www.legislature.mi.gov/</i>	~ Official version ~ Searchable by code number, keyword, and browseable within chapters. ~ Daily updates.
<i>LexisNexis Academic http://web.lexis-nexis.com/universe</i>	~ Same coverage as official version. ~ Only accessible on campus or by login. ~ Select (1) Legal Research; (2) State Codes; (3) Michigan.

Practice Questions

- Using the Michigan Legislature website, determine whether the UNIFORM ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT, applies to wills.
- Who has the authority to permit the commutation of a prisoner in Michigan? Please use Academic Universe to answer this question.

Tracking bills currently before the Michigan Legislature: Before becoming codified law, or even Public Acts, bills are introduced before the state legislature for discussion and votes. The *Michigan Legislature*, <http://www.michiganlegislature.org>, site is the best online resource for this information. By clicking on *Bills*, in the left margin, you may track bill activity, by sponsor, subject matter, or any statutes that the proposed bill affects. Links for each bill include the full text of various versions of a bill, Senate and House fiscal analyses, floor action, and roll call votes.

You may also track bills on *LexisNexis State Capital Universe*, <http://www.lexisnexis.com/stcapuniv>, using keywords, sponsor names and dates. The state legislative calendar is also available here.

Practice Questions

5. Find the most recent activity for any bill before the Michigan legislature. Give the date, bill number, and the activity performed.
6. Give the number and a summary one bill introduced by Samuel Thomas as a state Senator. Name one bill introduced by Kwame Kilpatrick, while he was a member of the state House of Representatives, during the 1999-2000 session.

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