

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 376**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled
"The code of criminal procedure,"
(MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding section 34a to chapter IX.

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CHAPTER IX

Sec. 34a. (1) The Michigan sentencing commission is created in
the legislative council. The legislative council shall provide the
commission with suitable office space, staff, and necessary
equipment. The commission consists of the chairperson appointed by
the governor under subsection (4) and all of the following members:

(a) Two individuals who are members of the senate, consisting
of 1 member from each caucus appointed by the leader of that
caucus.



1 (b) Two individuals who are members of the house of
2 representatives, consisting of 1 member from each caucus appointed
3 by the leader of that caucus.

4 (c) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.

5 (d) One individual who is a circuit court judge, serving in a
6 county with a population of less than 800,000, appointed from a
7 list of 3 names submitted by the Michigan Judges Association.

8 (e) One individual who is a circuit court judge, serving in a
9 county with a population of more than 800,000, appointed from a
10 list of 3 names submitted by the Michigan Judges Association.

11 (f) One individual who represents law enforcement, appointed
12 from a list of 3 names not all of whom are affiliated with the same
13 political party, submitted by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association.

14 (g) One individual who represents the prosecuting attorneys of
15 this state, appointed from a list of 3 names not all of whom are
16 affiliated with the same political party, submitted by the
17 Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

18 (h) One individual who is an attorney in good standing
19 appointed from a list of 3 names submitted by the Criminal Defense
20 Attorneys of Michigan.

21 (i) One individual who is a member of a nongovernmental
22 nonprofit that serves victims and represents victim service
23 providers.

24 (j) One individual who was previously incarcerated.

25 (k) One individual who works in the mental or behavioral
26 health field.

27 (l) The director of the Michigan department of corrections or
28 the director's designee.

29 (2) Before January 1, 2024, the speaker of the house of



1 representatives shall appoint 1 of the commission members described
2 in subsection (1)(d) and (e) and the minority leader of the house
3 of representatives shall appoint the remaining commission member.
4 Before January 1, 2024, the senate majority leader shall appoint 1
5 of the commission members described in subsection (1)(f) and (g)
6 and the senate minority leader shall appoint the remaining
7 commission member. Before January 1, 2024, the speaker of the house
8 of representatives shall appoint 1 of the commission members
9 described in subsection (1)(h) and (i) and the minority leader of
10 the house of representatives shall appoint the remaining commission
11 member. Before January 1, 2024, the senate majority leader shall
12 appoint 1 of the members described in subsection (1)(j) and (k) and
13 the senate minority leader shall appoint the remaining commission
14 member.

15 (3) The speaker of the house of representatives, the minority
16 leader of the house of representatives, the senate majority leader,
17 and the senate minority leader shall appoint the members under
18 subsection (1)(d) to (k) before January 1, 2024. However, if any
19 appointment under subsection (1)(d) to (k) is not made by January
20 1, 2024, the chairperson shall appoint a member meeting the
21 applicable qualifications under subsection (1)(d) to (k). If a
22 vacancy for 1 or more of the members under subsection (1)(d) to (k)
23 occurs, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the
24 original appointment not more than 30 days after it occurs. If the
25 vacancy is not filled within 30 days, the chairperson shall appoint
26 a member to fill the vacancy. A member appointed to fill a
27 vacancy caused by a resignation or death must be appointed for the
28 balance of the unexpired term. Each member described in subsection
29 (1)(h) to (k) must attest either that the member affiliates with 1



1 of the 2 political parties with the largest representation in the
 2 legislature, and if so, identify the political party with which the
 3 member affiliates, or that the member does not affiliate with
 4 either of the major political parties. Not less than 1 of the
 5 appointments made under subsection (1) must be from a different
 6 affiliation than the other appointments.

7 (4) Before January 1, 2024, the governor shall appoint, with
 8 advice and consent of the senate, 1 member to the Michigan
 9 sentencing commission who must serve as chairperson. The
 10 chairperson must be appointed for a term of 4 years. The
 11 chairperson shall serve as a nonvoting member of the commission.
 12 The individual appointed as chairperson must have a professional
 13 background in criminal law.

14 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
 15 commission members must be appointed for terms of 4 years. The
 16 members of the commission appointed under subsection (1)(a) and (b)
 17 must be appointed for terms of 2 years. The members first serving
 18 under subsection (1)(d), (e), (f), and (g) shall serve for 4 years.
 19 The members first serving under subsection (1)(h), (i), (j), and
 20 (k) shall serve for 3 years. The members first serving under
 21 subsection (1)(c) and (l) shall serve for 2 years.

22 (6) Except as provided in subsection (3) for a member under
 23 subsection (1)(d) to (k), a vacancy on the commission caused by the
 24 expiration of a term or a resignation or death must be filled in
 25 the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to
 26 fill a vacancy caused by a resignation or death must be appointed
 27 for the balance of the unexpired term.

28 (7) Except for the chairperson, a commission member must not
 29 receive a salary for being a commission member but must be



1 reimbursed for the member's reasonable, actual, and necessary
2 expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties as a
3 commission member.

4 (8) The commission may establish subcommittees that may
5 consist of individuals who are not members of the commission,
6 including, but not limited to, experts in matters of interest to
7 the commission. A subcommittee member, who is not a member of the
8 commission, shall not vote on any recommendations made by the
9 commission. A subcommittee member shall not receive a salary for
10 the subcommittee member's service on a subcommittee.

11 (9) The commission's business must be conducted at public
12 meetings held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA
13 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

14 (10) A quorum consists of a majority of the members of the
15 commission. All commission business must be conducted by not less
16 than a quorum.

17 (11) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
18 retained by the commission in the performance of an official
19 function must be made available to the public in compliance with
20 the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
22 unless **Senate** Bill No. **377** of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into
23 law.

