SENATE BILL No. 1263

May 25, 2004, Introduced by Senator SANBORN and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled
"The code of criminal procedure,"
by amending section 1 of chapter IV (MCL 764.1), as amended by
1990 PA 41.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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2 Sec. 1. (1) For the apprehension of persons charged with a

felony, misdemeanor, or ordinance violation, a magistrate may

issue processes to implement this chapter, except that a

5 magistrate shall not issue a warrant for other than a minor

offense unless an authorization in writing allowing the issuance

7 of the warrant is filed with the magistrate and, except as

8 otherwise provided in this act, the authorization is signed by

9 the prosecuting attorney, or unless security for costs is filed

with the magistrate.

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- 1 (2) A magistrate shall not issue a warrant for a minor
- 2 offense unless an authorization in writing allowing the issuance
- 3 of the warrant is filed with the magistrate and signed by the
- 4 prosecuting attorney, or unless security for costs is filed with
- 5 the magistrate, except if the warrant is requested by any of the
- 6 following officials for the following offenses:
- 7 (a) Agents of the state transportation department, a county
- 8 road commission, or the public service commission for violations
- **9** of the motor carrier act, Act No. 254 of the Public Acts of
- 10 1933, as amended, being sections 475.1 to 479.20 of the Michigan
- 11 Compiled Laws 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43, or the motor
- 12 carrier safety act of 1963, Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of
- 13 1963, as amended, being sections 480.11 to 480.21 of the Michigan
- 14 Compiled Laws 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.22, the enforcement
- 15 of which has been delegated to them.
- 16 (b) The director of the department of natural resources, or a
- 17 special assistant or conservation officer appointed by the
- 18 director and declared by statute to be a peace officer, for a
- 19 violation of a law -which that provides for the protection of
- 20 wild game or fish.
- 21 (3) A complaint for an arrest warrant may be made by any
- 22 electronic or electromagnetic means of communication, if all of
- 23 the following occur:
- 24 (a) The prosecuting attorney authorizes the issuance of the
- 25 warrant. Authorization may consist of an electronically or
- 26 electromagnetically transmitted facsimile of the signed
- 27 authorization.

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- 1 (b) The judge orally administers the oath or affirmation to
- 2 an applicant for an arrest warrant who submits a complaint under
- 3 this subsection.
- 4 (c) The applicant signs the complaint. Proof that the
- 5 applicant has signed the complaint may consist of an
- 6 electronically or electromagnetically transmitted facsimile of
- 7 the signed complaint.
- 8 (4) The person or department receiving an electronically or
- 9 electromagnetically issued arrest warrant shall receive proof
- 10 that the issuing judge has signed the warrant before the warrant
- 11 is executed. Proof that the issuing judge has signed the warrant
- 12 may consist of an electronically or electromagnetically
- 13 transmitted facsimile of the signed warrant.
- 14 (5) The state court administrator shall establish paper
- 15 quality and durability standards for warrants issued under this
- 16 section.

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