March 11, 2004, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, TOY, KUIPERS, SWITALSKI, CROPSEY, BARCIA, CHERRY, GILBERT, OLSHOVE, BIRKHOLZ and JACOBS and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to create the office of state poet laureate in the executive branch; to provide for the appointment and term of certain state officers; and to impose duties and responsibilities on certain state officers.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) The office of state poet laureate is created 2 within the department of state.
- 3 (2) The governor may appoint the state poet laureate for a
- 4 term not to exceed the governor's term. The state poet laureate
- 5 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and is exempt from
- 6 the classified state civil service. The state poet laureate
- 7 shall be a resident of this state.

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- (3) The state poet laureate shall serve without
- 9 compensation. However, the state poet laureate may be reimbursed
  - for his or her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the

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1 performance of his or her duties as assigned by the governor.

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