

SENATE BILL No. 865

November 8, 2005, Introduced by Senators SCHAUER and JACOBS and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled
"Open meetings act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 15.263), as amended by 1988 PA 278.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. (1) All meetings of a public body shall be open to the
2 public and shall be held in a place available to the general
3 public. All persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting except
4 as otherwise provided in this act. The right of a person to attend
5 a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape-record, to
6 videotape, to broadcast live on radio, and to telecast live on
7 television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting.
8 The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior
9 approval of the public body. However, a public body may establish
10 reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the

1 possibility of disrupting the meeting.

2 (2) All decisions of a public body shall be made at a meeting
3 open to the public.

4 (3) All deliberations of a public body constituting a quorum
5 of its members shall take place at a meeting open to the public
6 except as provided in this section and sections 7 and 8.

7 (4) A person shall not be required as a condition of
8 attendance at a meeting of a public body to register or otherwise
9 provide his or her name or other information or otherwise to
10 fulfill a condition precedent to attendance.

11 (5) A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a
12 public body under rules established and recorded by the public
13 body. The legislature or a house of the legislature may provide by
14 rule that the right to address may be limited to prescribed times
15 at hearings and committee meetings only.

16 (6) A person shall not be excluded from a meeting otherwise
17 open to the public except for a breach of the peace actually
18 committed at the meeting.

19 (7) This act does not apply to the following public bodies
20 only when deliberating the merits of a case:

21 (a) The worker's compensation appeal board created under the
22 worker's disability compensation act of 1969, ~~Act No. 317 of the~~
23 ~~Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 418.101 to 418.941~~
24 ~~of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 TO 418.941.~~

25 (b) The employment security board of review created under the
26 Michigan employment security act, ~~Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of~~
27 ~~the Extra Session of 1936, as amended, being sections 421.1 to~~

1 ~~421.73 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1936 (EX SESS) PA 1, MCL~~
2 ~~421.1 TO 421.75.~~

3 (c) The state tenure commission created under ~~Act No. 4 of~~
4 ~~the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1937, as amended, being~~
5 ~~sections 38.71 to 38.191 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1937 (EX~~
6 ~~SESS) PA 4, MCL 38.71 TO 38.191, when acting as a board of review~~
7 ~~from the decision of a controlling board.~~

8 (D) THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION CREATED UNDER 1939 PA
9 176, MCL 423.1 TO 423.30.

10 (E) ~~(d)~~ An arbitrator or arbitration panel appointed by the
11 employment relations commission under the authority given the
12 commission by ~~Act No. 176 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended,~~
13 ~~being sections 423.1 to 423.30 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1939~~
14 ~~PA 176, MCL 423.1 TO 423.30.~~

15 ~~(e) An arbitration panel selected under chapter 50A of the~~
16 ~~revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of~~
17 ~~1961, being sections 600.5040 to 600.5065 of the Michigan Compiled~~
18 ~~Laws.~~

19 (f) The Michigan public service commission created under ~~Act~~
20 ~~No. 3 of the Public Acts of 1939, being sections 460.1 to 460.8 of~~
21 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws 1939 PA 3, MCL 460.1 TO 460.10CC.~~

22 (8) This act does not apply to an association of insurers
23 created under the insurance code of 1956, ~~Act No. 218 of the~~
24 ~~Public Acts of 1956, being sections 500.100 to 500.8302 of the~~
25 ~~Michigan Compiled Laws 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 TO 500.8302, or~~
26 ~~other association or facility formed under Act No. 218 of the~~
27 ~~Public Acts of 1956 THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL~~

1 500.100 TO 500.8302, as a nonprofit organization of insurer
2 members.

3 (9) This act does not apply to a committee of a public body
4 which adopts a nonpolicymaking resolution of tribute or memorial
5 which resolution is not adopted at a meeting.

6 (10) This act does not apply to a meeting ~~which~~ **THAT** is a
7 social or chance gathering or conference not designed to avoid this
8 act.

9 (11) This act ~~shall~~ **DOES** not apply to the Michigan veterans'
10 trust fund board of trustees or a county or district committee
11 created under ~~Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of the first extra~~
12 ~~session of 1946, being sections 35.601 to 35.610 of the Michigan~~
13 ~~Compiled Laws 1946 (1ST EX SESS) PA 9, MCL 35.601A TO 35.610, when~~
14 the board of trustees or county or district committee is
15 deliberating the merits of an emergent need. A decision of the
16 board of trustees or county or district committee made under this
17 subsection shall be reconsidered by the board or committee at its
18 next regular or special meeting consistent with the requirements of
19 this act. ~~"Emergent"~~ **AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "EMERGENT** need"
20 means a situation which the board of trustees, by rules promulgated
21 under the administrative procedures act of 1969, ~~Act No. 306 of~~
22 ~~the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to~~
23 ~~24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO~~
24 **24.328**, determines requires immediate action.