

HOUSE BILL No. 4973

June 21, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Miller, Accavitti, Kathleen Law and Constan and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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
11 possibility of disrupting the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (b) The employment security board of review created under the
25 Michigan employment security act, ~~Act No. 1 of the Public Acts of~~
26 ~~the Extra Session of 1936, as amended, being sections 421.1 to~~
27 ~~421.73 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1936 (EX SESS) PA 1, MCL 421.1~~

1 TO 421.75.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) This act does not apply to a committee of a public body ~~which~~ **THAT** adopts a nonpolicymaking resolution of tribute or memorial, which resolution is not adopted at a meeting.

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

(11) This act ~~shall~~ **DOES** not apply to the Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees or a county or district committee created under ~~Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of the first extra session of 1946, being sections 35.601 to 35.610 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1946 (1ST EX SESS) PA 9, MCL 35.602 TO 35.610,~~ when the board of trustees or county or district committee is deliberating the merits of an emergent need. A decision of the board of trustees or county or district committee made under this subsection shall be reconsidered by the board or committee at its next regular or special meeting consistent with the requirements of this act. ~~"Emergent"~~ **AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "EMERGENT** need" means a situation which the board of trustees, by rules promulgated under the administrative procedures act of 1969, ~~Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328,~~ determines requires immediate action.