

HOUSE BILL No. 4264

February 26, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Potvin and Leutheuser and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 78, entitled
"An act to declare the area of the state of Michigan,"
by amending the title and sections 1 and 2 (MCL 2.1 and 2.2).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to declare the area **AND BOUNDARIES** of the state of Michigan.

Sec. 1. (1) The total area of the state of Michigan is hereby declared to be **APPROXIMATELY** 96,720 square miles ~~consisting of 57,022 square miles of land and 39,698 square miles of inland water as based upon the boundaries of the state of Michigan according to article I, section 1 of the constitution of the state of Michigan of 1909, and United States statutes at large, volume 5, page 49, chapter 99, approved June 15, 1836~~ **AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)**.

(2) **THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CONSISTS OF AND HAS JURISDICTION**

1 OVER THE TERRITORY EMBRACED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED IN THIS
2 ACT. THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS STATE AND ITS BORDERING STATES AND
3 COUNTRY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

4 (A) FOR OHIO, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AS
5 ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE
6 NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE
7 ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN INTO THE UNION UPON THE
8 CONDITIONS THEREIN EXPRESSED," APPROVED JUNE FIFTEENTH, 1836;
9 CHAPTER 99, 5 STAT. 49 (1836), THEN EASTERLY WITH THE SAID BOUNDARY
10 LINE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AS ADOPTED IN 1917 BY JOINT RESOLUTION
11 NUMBER 6 OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, ENTITLED "A
12 JOINT RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE RE-LOCATION AND PERMANENT
13 MONUMENTING OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN OHIO AND MICHIGAN," SJR 6,
14 1917 THEN CONTINUING THROUGH POSTS 70 AND 71 TO THE ORIGINAL NORTH
15 CAPE OF MAUMEE BAY AND LAKE ERIE AS DESCRIBED IN THE UNITED STATES
16 SUPREME COURT SPECIAL MASTER'S DECREE 410 U.S. FEBRUARY 22, 1973.

17 (B) FOR INDIANA, BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED AS ESTABLISHED BY THE
18 ACT OF CONGRESS ON THE NINETEENTH OF APRIL, 1816; CHAPTER 57, 3
19 STAT. 289, FROM THE BOUNDARY POINT WITH ILLINOIS, THEN EAST WITH
20 THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF INDIANA TO THE NORTHEAST
21 CORNER THEREOF, AND THENCE SOUTH WITH THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF
22 THE STATE OF INDIANA TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AS PROVIDED IN THE
23 MICHIGAN AND INDIANA STATE LINE MONUMENTATION ACT, 2010 PA 259, MCL
24 54.291 TO 54.305.

25 (C) FOR ILLINOIS, THE BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED FROM POINT A AS
26 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 OF 1947 PA 267, MCL 2.201, THE SOUTHEAST
27 CORNER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, THENCE SOUTHERLY THROUGH LAKE

1 MICHIGAN WITH THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DESCRIBED
2 IN CHAPTER 67, 3 STAT. 428, SIGNED APRIL EIGHTEENTH, 1818, TO THE
3 NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF INDIANA.

4 (D) FOR WISCONSIN, THE BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED IN 1947 PA 267,
5 MCL 2.201 TO 2.208 AND THE DECREE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
6 COURT ENTERED MARCH SIXTEENTH, 1936; 297 US 547.

7 (E) FOR MINNESOTA, THE BOUNDARIES DESCRIBED IN 1947 PA 267,
8 MCL 2.201 TO 2.208.

9 (F) FOR CANADA, THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ASCERTAINED AND
10 REESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE TREATY BETWEEN GREAT
11 BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, SIGNED APRIL ELEVENTH, 1908: ARTICLE
12 IV, 35 STAT. 2009.

13 (3) THIS DESCRIPTION SHALL BE PRINTED IN THE MICHIGAN MANUAL
14 AND SUCCESSOR PUBLICATIONS WITH AN UNOFFICIAL APPROPRIATE GENERAL
15 REFERENCE MAP.

16 Sec. 2. All official publications of the state of Michigan
17 issued after the passage of this act, in which the total area ~~total land area or total water area~~ of Michigan ~~are~~ **IS** stated,
18 shall use the ~~figures set forth~~ **FIGURE PROVIDED** in section 1.