

**DIVISION ON DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF HEARING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 72 of 1937**

**408.203 Division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing; establishment; purpose; appointment and qualifications of director.**

Sec. 3. (1) The division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing is established within the department. The purpose of the office is to protect and assist all deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing persons, with special emphasis on deaf persons.

(2) The division shall be supervised by a director of the division who shall be appointed by the director of the department. The director of the division shall be a member of the classified state civil service, hold not less than a bachelor's degree, be fluent in American sign language, and have the ability to communicate in various ways with deaf persons.

**History:** 1937, Act 72, Eff. Oct. 29, 1937;—CL 1948, 408.203;—Am. 1988, Act 434, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;—Am. 2016, Act 130, Eff. Aug. 24, 2016.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of the advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing from the family independence agency to the department of labor and economic growth by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

For transfer of powers and duties of division on deaf and hard of hearing and advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing from department of licensing and regulatory affairs to department of civil rights, see E.R.O. No. 2011-4, compiled at MCL 445.2030.

For renaming of division on deaf and hard of hearing to division on deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, and renaming of advisory council on deaf and hard of hearing to advisory council on deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing, see E.R.O. No. 2014-5, compiled at MCL 445.2035.

For transfer of powers and duties of division on deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing within department of licensing and regulatory affairs, see E.R.O. No. 2017-4, compiled at MCL 445.2036.