

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4983**

A bill to amend 1965 PA 213, entitled  
"An act to provide for setting aside the conviction in certain  
criminal cases; to provide for the effect of such action; to  
provide for the retention of certain nonpublic records and their  
use; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public agencies  
and officers; and to prescribe penalties,"  
(MCL 780.621 to 780.624) by adding section 1d.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 1d. (1) An application under section 1 to set aside more**  
2 **than 1 felony conviction shall only be filed 7 or more years after**  
3 **whichever of the following events occurs last:**

4           **(a) Imposition of the sentence for the convictions that the**  
5 **applicant seeks to set aside.**

6           **(b) Completion of any term of felony probation imposed for the**



1 convictions that the applicant seeks to set aside.

2 (c) Discharge from parole imposed for the convictions that the  
3 applicant seeks to set aside.

4 (d) Completion of any term of imprisonment imposed for the  
5 convictions that the applicant seeks to set aside.

6 (2) An application under section 1 to set aside 1 or more  
7 serious misdemeanor convictions or 1 felony conviction shall only  
8 be filed 5 or more years after whichever of the following events  
9 occurs last:

10 (a) Imposition of the sentence for the conviction or  
11 convictions that the applicant seeks to set aside.

12 (b) Completion of probation imposed for the conviction or  
13 convictions that the applicant seeks to set aside.

14 (c) Discharge from parole imposed for the conviction that the  
15 applicant seeks to set aside, if applicable.

16 (d) Completion of any term of imprisonment imposed for the  
17 conviction or convictions that the applicant seeks to set aside.

18 (3) An application under section 1 to set aside 1 or more  
19 misdemeanor convictions, other than an application to set aside a  
20 serious misdemeanor or any other misdemeanor conviction for an  
21 assaultive crime, shall only be filed 3 or more years after  
22 whichever of the following events occurs last:

23 (a) Imposition of the sentence for the conviction that the  
24 applicant seeks to set aside.

25 (b) Completion of any term of imprisonment imposed for the  
26 conviction that the applicant seeks to set aside.

27 (c) Completion of probation imposed for the conviction or  
28 convictions that the applicant seeks to set aside.

29 (4) For an application under section 1, a court shall not



1 enter an order setting aside a conviction or convictions unless all  
2 of the following apply:

3 (a) The applicable time period required under subsection (1),  
4 (2), or (3) has elapsed.

5 (b) There are no criminal charges pending against the  
6 applicant.

7 (c) The applicant has not been convicted of any criminal  
8 offense during the applicable time period required under subsection  
9 (1), (2), or (3).

10 (5) If a petition under this act is denied by the convicting  
11 court, a person shall not file another petition concerning the same  
12 conviction or convictions with the convicting court until 3 years  
13 after the date the convicting court denies the previous petition,  
14 unless the court specifies an earlier date for filing another  
15 petition in the order denying the petition.

16 (6) An application under section 1(3) may be filed at any time  
17 following the date of the conviction to be set aside. A person may  
18 apply to have more than 1 conviction set aside under section 1(3).

19 (7) An application under section 1 is invalid unless it  
20 contains the following information and is signed under oath by the  
21 person whose conviction is or convictions are to be set aside:

22 (a) The full name and current address of the applicant.

23 (b) A certified record of each conviction that is to be set  
24 aside.

25 (c) For an application under section 1(1), a statement that  
26 the applicant has not been convicted of an offense during the  
27 applicable time period required under subsection (1), (2), or (3).

28 (d) A statement listing all actions enumerated in section 1(2)  
29 that were initiated against the applicant and have been dismissed.



1 (e) A statement as to whether the applicant has previously  
2 filed an application to set aside this or other conviction and, if  
3 so, the disposition of the application.

4 (f) A statement as to whether the applicant has any other  
5 criminal charge pending against him or her in any court in the  
6 United States or in any other country.

7 (g) If the person is seeking to have 1 or more convictions set  
8 aside under section 1(3), a statement that he or she meets the  
9 criteria set forth in section 1(3), together with a statement of  
10 the facts supporting his or her contention that the conviction was  
11 a direct result of his or her being a victim of human trafficking.

12 (h) A consent to the use of the nonpublic record created under  
13 section 3 to the extent authorized by section 3.

14 (8) The applicant shall submit a copy of the application and 1  
15 complete set of fingerprints to the department of state police. The  
16 department of state police shall compare those fingerprints with  
17 the records of the department, including the nonpublic record  
18 created under section 3, and shall forward an electronic copy of a  
19 complete set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
20 for a comparison with the records available to that agency. The  
21 department of state police shall report to the court in which the  
22 application is filed the information contained in the department's  
23 records with respect to any pending charges against the applicant,  
24 any record of conviction of the applicant, and the setting aside of  
25 any conviction of the applicant and shall report to the court any  
26 similar information obtained from the Federal Bureau of  
27 Investigation. The court shall not act upon the application until  
28 the department of state police reports the information required by  
29 this subsection to the court.



1 (9) The copy of the application submitted to the department of  
2 state police under subsection (8) must be accompanied by a fee of  
3 \$50.00 payable to the state of Michigan that must be used by the  
4 department of state police to defray the expenses incurred in  
5 processing the application.

6 (10) A copy of the application must be served upon the  
7 attorney general and upon the office of each prosecuting attorney  
8 who prosecuted the crime or crimes the applicant seeks to set  
9 aside, and an opportunity must be given to the attorney general and  
10 to the prosecuting attorney to contest the application. If a  
11 conviction was for an assaultive crime or a serious misdemeanor,  
12 the prosecuting attorney shall notify the victim of the assaultive  
13 crime or serious misdemeanor of the application under section 22a  
14 or 77a of the William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act,  
15 1985 PA 87, MCL 780.772a and 780.827a. The notice must be by first-  
16 class mail to the victim's last known address. The victim has the  
17 right to appear at any proceeding under this act concerning that  
18 conviction and to make a written or oral statement.

19 (11) For an application under section 1(1), upon the hearing  
20 of the application the court may require the filing of affidavits  
21 and the taking of proofs as it considers proper.

22 (12) For an application under section 1(3), if the applicant  
23 proves to the court by a preponderance of the evidence that the  
24 conviction was a direct result of his or her being a victim of  
25 human trafficking, the court may, subject to the requirements of  
26 subsection (13), enter an order setting aside the conviction.

27 (13) If the court determines that the circumstances and  
28 behavior of an applicant under section 1(1) or (3), from the date  
29 of the applicant's conviction or convictions to the filing of the



1 application warrant setting aside the conviction or convictions,  
2 and that setting aside the conviction or convictions is consistent  
3 with the public welfare, the court may enter an order setting aside  
4 the conviction or convictions.

5 (14) The setting aside of a conviction or convictions under  
6 this act is a privilege and conditional and is not a right.

7 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days  
8 after the date it is enacted into law.

9 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
10 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
11 enacted into law:

12 (a) House Bill No. 4980.

13 (b) House Bill No. 4981.

14 (c) House Bill No. 4982.

15 (d) House Bill No. 4984.

16 (e) House Bill No. 4985.

17 (f) House Bill No. 5120.

