



**House  
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**CREATE MICHIGAN MAP ACT**

House Bill 5636  
Sponsor: Rep. James A. Kosteva  
Committee: Transportation

Complete to 4-2-90

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5636 AS INTRODUCED 3-26-90**

The bill would create the State of Michigan Highway Map Act to prescribe requirements for the official state highway map and to give to the Department of Transportation certain powers and duties. The official map would contain only those highways and roads, units of government, and other travel information described in the bill, while the department would determine the appropriate coloring and symbols to be used.

Highways and Roads. The official map would include the following information relative to highways and roads:

- \* The federal and state trunkline system;
- \* Selected county roads from information supplied by county engineers;
- \* The primary signed intercounty route system;
- \* Interstate exit numbers when a route was complete from beginning to end;
- \* Interchange detail on city inserts and the Detroit area only; and
- \* Out-of-state trunklines and county roads through information supplied by the highway departments of various states and the province of Ontario.

Water Features. The map would show lakes and rivers, as space permitted, and boat lines service including the sailings and months in operation when appropriate.

Municipalities. Local governmental units would be shown considering the following guidelines:

- \* A city or village would be shown only if it was incorporated or had a post office with a postmaster;
- \* An incorporated city or village with 10,000 people or more would be shown with its boundary limits "screened" and colored yellow;
- \* An incorporated city or village and an unincorporated place name with less than 10,000 people would be shown with a red circle that approximates the downtown business district on a state or federal trunkline. If the business district was on a county road, the city, village or unincorporated place name would be shown with a gray circle;
- \* A city could have an insert on the map if it had more than 20,000 people and was incorporated;
- \* Out-of-state cities and villages would be shown based on information supplied by the highway departments of other states and Ontario;
- \* Townships with more than 25,000 people would be shown and designated where the township office was located;
- \* Townships with fewer than 25,000 people could be shown if 1) an obsolete settlement name location within the township was removed and 2) a township board resolution stating this was submitted to the department; and
- \* A township that otherwise qualified to be shown would not need to be shown if it was adjacent to a city with the same name.

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Various Symbols and Designations. The following items would be depicted by symbols or other appropriate designations determined by the department:

- \* State parks, with assistance from the Department of Natural Resources;
- \* Roadside parks, safety rest areas, travel information centers, and scenic turnouts;
- \* Certified airline airports if they had scheduled commercial flights, and military airports with 3,000-foot or more paved and lighted runways;
- \* Passenger and auto ferries and passenger only ferries;
- \* International and domestic seaports;
- \* International rail interchange points;
- \* Indian reservations;
- \* County seats shown by a black circle with a black dot in the center;
- \* The state capitol shown by double black circles around a black star;
- \* Hospitals with 24-hour emergency facilities;
- \* Intercity bus terminals as shown on city inserts only;
- \* Rail passenger stations as shown on city inserts only;
- \* Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore;
- \* Father Marquette National Memorial shown by a solid red circle;
- \* National Ski Hall of Fame as directed by a red arrow;
- \* Mt. Curwood, the state's highest point, indicated by a red asterisk;
- \* Michigan Space Center shown by a red arrow;
- \* 4-year universities having 10,000 or more students on city inserts only.

Information Panels. Informational panels could only display:

- \* facilities that charged a fare;
- \* state police posts including their telephone numbers;
- \* the state's speed limits including an explanation of the right turn law;
- \* state highway district offices including a telephone number;
- \* a listing of counties and county seats showing their populations as of the last federal or special census;
- \* historical markers;
- \* Isle Royale;
- \* prime deer locations from the natural resources department;
- \* state parks;
- \* travel information;
- \* public accommodations;
- \* mileage chart; and
- \* index to cities and villages.