Terrible Legislation ALERT!

The bills: HB 4064 & HB 4532

These bills, if they become law, would establish a statewide e-filing system and statewide fees to access (file and inspect) court records.

Why the bills must be stopped: 1) The Michigan Supreme Court would have the sole authority to set user fees; which are essentially new taxes. Questions of the constitutionality of the Judicial System levying taxes arise. Rightly so! 2) **Court records are owned by the public** and citizens should not be charged to access them. Our taxes **already cover the expenses** the courts incur acting as custodians of court records. Many counties within Michigan already charge for court records and these charges have turned out to be cash cows for county coffers (exactly why the state courts want to get in on the scam) and the costs have become a deterrent for many citizens to have access. 3) There is **no oversight** of the fees. There are NO answers to questions like, How are the fees determined?, What happens to the money after?, Will there be a requirement to hold public hearings on the fees?. 4) There will be no transparency.

They will claim that they have changed the bill by stripping some of the fees out... but that's a shell game... as this bill will fall under other rules that read "reasonable fees" may be charged. So they've tried to fool us. The changes they have made in the bill do not address any of our serious questions.

While there is support for the statewide e-filing system for streamlining the process and having a more uniform system across the state, the concerns about the fees/taxes must be addressed before they go forward. The public deserves answers now, not later; after excessive costs, impeded justice, court secrecy and corruption occurs.

The bills' Sponsors: Michigan Representative Kurt Heise – R (District 20 – Plymouth) & Michigan Representative Amanda Price – R (District 89 – Park Township). Also, good to know: these bills are being pushed by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young.

Unfortunately, these bills have already been passed out of the Michigan House of Representatives. See how they voted:

HB 4532

IN FAVOR

HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Abed (D)	Ananich (D)	Banks (D)	Barnett (D)
Brown (D)	Brunner (D)	Cavanagh (D)	clemente (D)
Darany (D)	Dianda (D)	Dillon (D)	Driskell (D)
Faris (D)	Greimel (D)	Haugh (D)	Hobbs (D)
Irwin (D)	Kandrevas (D)	Kivela (D)	Knezek (D)
Lamonte (D)	Lane (D)	LaVoy (D)	Lipton (D)
Nathan (D)	Oakes (D)	Roberts (D)	Rutledge (D)
Schor (D)	Segal (D)	Singh (D)	Slavens (D)
Stallworth (D)	Switalski (D)	Talabi (D)	Tlaib (D)
Yanez (D)	Zemke (D)		

HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Bolger (R)	Bumstead (R)	Callton (R)	Cotter (R)
Daley (R)	Denby (R)	Farrington (R)	Forlini (R)
Franz (R)	Genetski (R)	Glardon (R)	Goike (R)
Haines (R)	Haveman (R)	Heise (R)	Hooker (R)
Jacobsen (R)	Jenkins (R)	Johnson (R)	Kelly (R)
Kowall (R)	Kurtz (R)	LaFontaine (R)	Lauwers (R)
Lori (R)	Lund (R)	Lyons (R)	MacGregor (R)
McBroom (R)	McCready (R)	McMillin (R)	Muxlow (R)
O'Brien (R)	Outman (R)	Pagel (R)	Pettalia (R)
Potvin (R)	Price (R)	Pscholka (R)	Rendon (R)
Schmidt (R)	Shirkey (R)	Somerville (R)	Stamas (R)
Victory (R)	Walsh (R)	Yonker (R)	Zorn (R)

AGAINST

HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Geiss (D) Robinson (D)

HOUSE REPUBLICANS none

HB 4064

IN FAVOR

HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Abed (D)	Ananich (D)	Banks (D)	Barnett (D)

Brown (D)	Brunner (D)	Cavanagh (D)	clemente (D)
Darany (D)	Dianda (D)	Dillon (D)	Driskell (D)
Faris (D)	Greimel (D)	Haugh (D)	Hobbs (D)
Irwin (D)	Kivela (D)	Knezek (D)	Kosowski (D)
Lane (D)	LaVoy (D)	Lipton (D)	McCann (D)
Roberts (D)	Rutledge (D)	Santana (D)	Schor (D)
Singh (D)	Slavens (D)	Smiley (D)	Stallworth (D)
Switalski (D)	Talabi (D)	Tlaib (D)	Townsend (D)
Zemke (D)			

HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Bolger (R)	Bumstead (R)	Callton (R)	Cotter (R)
Daley (R)	Denby (R)	Farrington (R)	Forlini (R)
Franz (R)	Genetski (R)	Glardon (R)	Goike (R)
Haines (R)	Haveman (R)	Heise (R)	Hooker (R)
Jacobsen (R)	Jenkins (R)	Johnson (R)	Kelly (R)
Kowall (R)	Kurtz (R)	LaFontaine (R)	Lauwers (R)
Lori (R)	Lund (R)	Lyons (R)	MacGregor (R)
McBroom (R)	McCready (R)	McMillin (R)	Muxlow (R)
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Schmidt (R)	Shirkey (R)	Somerville (R)	Stamas (R)
Victory (R)	Walsh (R)	Yonker (R)	Zorn (R)

AGAINST

HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Geiss (D)	Kandrevas (D)	Robinson (D)

HOUSE REPUBLICANS □none

Now the bills are in the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee. Please contact each member of the Committee and voice objections to HB 4064 and HB 4532. Then, please call your Michigan State Senator and do the same. See contacts here:

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Vice Chair: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker – R, Dist. 20, (517) 373-0793
M- Vice Chair: Steven Bieda – D, Dist. 9 (517) 373-8360
Senator Tory Rocca – R, Dist. 10, (517) 373-7315

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R	11	Brandenburg, Jack	517-373-7670	517-373-5958	605 Farnum Bldg
R	38	Casperson, Tom	517-373-7840	517-373-3932	705 Farnum Bldg
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R	31	Green, Mike	517-373-1777	517-373-5871	805 Farnum Bldg
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R	34	Hansen, Goeff	517-373-1635	517-373-3300	420 Farnum Bldg
R	29	Hildenbrand, Dave	517-373-1801	517-373-5801	920 Farnum Bldg
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D	8	Hopgood, Hoon-Yung	517-373-7800	517-373-9310	515 Farnum Bldg
R	22	Hune, Joe	517-373-2420	517-373-2764	505 Farnum Bldg
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R	32	Kahn, Roger	517-373-1760	517-373-3487	S-324 Capitol Bldg
R	15	Kowall, Mike	517-373-1758	517-373-0938	305 Farnum Bldg
R	12	Marleau, Jim	517-373-2417	517-373-2694	1010 Farnum Bldg
R	30	Meekhof, Arlan B	517-373-6920	517-373-2751	S-8 Capitol Bldg
R	36	Moolenaar, John	517-373-7946	517-373-2678	715 Farnum Bldg
R	19	Nofs, Mike	517-373-2426	517-373-2964	S-132 Capitol Bldg
R	13	Pappageorge, John	517-373-2523	517-373-5669	S-2 Capitol Bldg
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R	21	Proos, John	517-373-6960	517-373-0897	820 Farnum Bldg
R	17	Richardville, Randy	517-373-3543	517-373-0927	S-106 Capitol Bldg
R	26	Robertson, David B	517-373-1636	517-373-1453	320 Farnum Bldg
R	10	Rocca, Tory	517-373-7315	517-373-3126	205 Farnum Bldg
R	20	Schuitmaker, Tonya	517-373-0793	517-373-5607	405 Farnum Bldg
D	4	Smith, Virgil	517-373-7918	517-373-5227	510 Farnum Bldg
R	37	Walker, Howard	517-373-2413	517-373-5144	910 Farnum Bldg
D	18	Warren, Rebekah	517-373-2406	517-373-5679	415 Farnum Bldg
D	23	Whitmer, Gretchen	517-373-1734	517-373-5397	S-105 Capitol Bldg
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These bills may be before the Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday, November 05, 2013 at 2:30p.m. So please don't delay in making your opinion known. Thank you for standing up for government accountability. They do work for us... we do not work for them!

In liberty,

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