

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 822**

A bill to clarify certain powers of the governor; and to impose certain duties on certain state officials.

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

1           Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Memorandum of understanding" means an informal agreement  
3 between this state and another party that does not impose  
4 contractual duties or obligations on this state.

5           (b) "Office of the great seal" means the office of the great  
6 seal located within the executive office of the Michigan department  
7 of state.

8           Sec. 2. Beginning 90 days after the effective date of this  
9 act, before signing a memorandum of understanding, the governor  
10 shall ensure that the memorandum of understanding contains a  
11 provision that the memorandum of understanding is in effect only

1 for the time that the governor holds office as governor, unless  
2 ratified by the successive governor. If a memorandum of  
3 understanding is ratified by a successive governor, then that  
4 ratification is only effective for the time that governor holds  
5 office as governor.

6       Sec. 3. (1) A copy of a memorandum of understanding signed by  
7 the governor under this act shall be filed in the office of the  
8 great seal and made available to the public. Copies of each  
9 memorandum of understanding under this act shall also be posted on  
10 the department of state internet website.

11       (2) The department of state shall file a copy of each  
12 memorandum of understanding under this act with each house of the  
13 legislature and the senate majority leader, the senate minority  
14 leader, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
15 minority leader of the house of representatives.