

HOUSE BILL No. 6017

September 27, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Bradstreet and referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Operations.

A bill to commission and confer certain police and arrest powers on certain sergeants at arms and assistant sergeants at arms in the legislative branch; and to prescribe certain duties and responsibilities of certain state employees.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) Each house of the legislature may commission
2 the sergeant at arms and may commission 1 or more assistant ser-
3 geants at arms within that respective house as police officers,
4 to enforce rules adopted by that house and the laws of this state
5 as designated by the senate and the house of representatives,
6 respectively. In performing those enforcement activities, com-
7 missioned sergeants at arms and assistant sergeants at arms are
8 vested with the powers, privileges, prerogatives, and immunities
9 conferred upon police officers under the laws of this state.

1 (2) Each sergeant at arms and assistant sergeant at arms
2 commissioned by the senate or the house of representatives as a
3 police officer under subsection (1) has the power to enforce
4 rules adopted by that house and the laws of this state in the
5 following places:

6 (a) The capitol building and capitol grounds.

7 (b) Buildings in which the offices of legislative members
8 are located.

9 (c) Locations where either house of the legislature or a
10 committee or subcommittee of either house is holding a session,
11 meeting, or public hearing, including a reasonable time before
12 and after the session, meeting, or hearing.

13 (d) Legislative parking areas.

14 (e) Areas immediately adjacent to the places described in
15 subdivisions (a) to (d).

16 (3) The senate may delegate, pursuant to rules of the
17 senate, the authority to commission the sergeant at arms or
18 assistant sergeants at arms as police officers and delegate their
19 responsibilities under subsection (1) to the senate majority
20 leader, the secretary of the senate, or other officers or employ-
21 ees of the senate.

22 (4) The house of representatives may delegate, pursuant to
23 rules of the house of representatives, the authority to commis-
24 sion the sergeant at arms or assistant sergeants at arms as
25 police officers and delegate their responsibilities under subsec-
26 tion (1) to the speaker of the house of representatives, the

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1 clerk of the house of representatives, or other officers or

2 employees of the house of representatives.

3 (5) The office of sergeant at arms of each house of the leg-

4 islature is a law enforcement agency of this state.

[Sec. 2. (1) The house of representatives bipartisan sergeant at arms oversight committee is established. The house of representatives bipartisan sergeant at arms oversight committee shall consist of 6 members of the house of representatives and membership shall be equally divided between the majority and minority parties. The house of representatives bipartisan sergeant at arms oversight committee shall consist of all of the following members of the house of representatives:

(a) The speaker, who shall serve as chair.

(b) The majority floor leader.

(c) The minority leader.

(d) The minority floor leader.

(e) One member appointed by the majority caucus leader.

(f) One member appointed by the minority caucus leader.

(2) The house of representatives bipartisan sergeant at arms oversight committee shall recommend to the speaker of the house of representatives policy considerations that affect the powers of the sergeant at arms provided in this act.]

5 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless

6 House Bill No. 6016

7 of the 90th Legislature is enacted into law.

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