

SENATE BILL No. 1381

September 26, 2000, Introduced by Senators SCHUETTE and STEIL and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to create the office of protocol in the executive branch; to provide for the appointment and term of certain state officers; to create certain commissions; and to prescribe certain duties and responsibilities for certain state officers and commissions.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The office of protocol is created within the
2 executive office of the governor.

3 (2) The chief protocol officer is the executive director of
4 the office of protocol. The governor may appoint the chief pro-
5 tocol officer. The chief protocol officer shall serve at the
6 pleasure of the governor and is exempt from the classified state
7 civil service.

8 Sec. 3. The chief protocol officer is responsible for
9 coordinating visits of foreign dignitaries to this state and

1 otherwise assisting the governor in establishing positive
2 relations with foreign governments.

3 Sec. 5. (1) The Michigan-Canada advisory commission is cre-
4 ated within the executive office of the governor.

5 (2) The Michigan-Canada advisory commission shall consist of
6 the following members:

7 (a) The director of the department of state police.

8 (b) The director of the department of environmental
9 quality.

10 (c) The director of the department of natural resources.

11 (d) The director of the state transportation department.

12 (e) The director of the department of agriculture.

13 (f) The director of the department of consumer and industry
14 services.

15 (g) The commissioner of the office of financial and insur-
16 ance services.

17 (h) The attorney general.

18 (i) The secretary of state.

19 (j) The chief protocol officer.

20 (k) One individual appointed by the governor from a list of
21 2 or more individuals supplied by the speaker of the house of
22 representatives.

23 (l) One individual appointed by the governor from a list of
24 2 or more individuals supplied by the senate majority leader.

25 (m) Three individuals appointed by the governor.

26 (3) Members of the Michigan-Canada advisory commission shall
27 serve for terms of 2 years or until a successor is appointed.

1 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the Michigan-Canada advisory
2 commission, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in
3 the same manner as the original appointment.

4 (5) The governor may remove a member of the Michigan-Canada
5 advisory commission for incompetency, dereliction of duty, mal-
6 feasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other
7 good cause.

8 (6) The business that the Michigan-Canada advisory commis-
9 sion may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the
10 commission held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976
11 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

12 (7) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
13 or retained by the Michigan-Canada advisory commission in the
14 performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of
15 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

16 (8) Members of the Michigan-Canada advisory commission shall
17 serve without compensation. However, members of the
18 Michigan-Canada advisory commission may be reimbursed for their
19 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
20 their official duties as members of the commission.

21 (9) The Michigan-Canada advisory commission shall do all of
22 the following:

23 (a) Advise the governor on how to further the relations
24 between this state and Canada.

25 (b) Annually report to the legislature on the status of
26 relations between this state and Canada.