

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 105

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
by amending sections 8511 and 8513 (MCL 600.8511 and 600.8513),  
section 8511 as amended by 1999 PA 75 and section 8513 as added by  
1984 PA 278.

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

1           Sec. 8511. A district court magistrate ~~shall have~~**HAS** the  
2 following jurisdiction and duties:

3           (a) To arraign and sentence upon pleas of guilty or nolo  
4 contendere for violations of the following acts or parts of acts,  
5 or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to these acts or  
6 parts of acts, when authorized by the chief judge of the district  
7 court **DISTRICT** and if the maximum permissible punishment does not  
8 exceed 90 days in jail or a fine, or both:

9           (i) Part 487 of the natural resources and environmental

1 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740.

2 (ii) Part 401 of the natural resources and environmental  
3 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40101 to 324.40119.

4 (iii) Part 801 of the natural resources and environmental  
5 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80101 to 324.80199.

6 (iv) The motor carrier act, 1933 PA 254, MCL 475.1 to 479.43.

7 (v) Motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11  
8 to ~~480.22~~ **480.25**.

9 (vi) Dog law of 1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.261 to 287.290.

10 (vii) Section 703 or 915 of the Michigan liquor control code of  
11 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703 and 436.1915.

12 (viii) Part 5 of the natural resources and environmental  
13 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.501 to 324.511.

14 (ix) Part 89 of the natural resources and environmental  
15 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.8901 to 324.8907.

16 (x) Part 435 of the natural resources and environmental  
17 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43501 to 324.43561.

18 (xi) Part 731 of the natural resources and environmental  
19 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.73101 to 324.73111.

20 (xii) Chapter LXXXV of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,  
21 MCL 750.546 to ~~750.552b~~ **750.552**.

22 (b) To arraign and sentence upon pleas of guilty or nolo  
23 contendere for violations of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA  
24 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or a local ordinance substantially  
25 corresponding to a provision of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA  
26 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, except for violations of sections 625  
27 and 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.625 and

1 257.625m, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to  
2 section 625 or 625m of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL  
3 257.625 and 257.625m, when authorized by the chief judge of the  
4 district court **DISTRICT** and if the maximum permissible punishment  
5 does not exceed 93 days in jail or a fine, or both. However, the  
6 magistrate may have the jurisdiction to arraign defendants and set  
7 bond with regard to violations of sections 625 and 625m of the  
8 Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.625 and 257.625m, or a  
9 local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 625 or 625m  
10 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.625 and  
11 257.625m.

12 (c) To arraign and sentence upon pleas of guilty or nolo  
13 contendere for violations of part 811 or 821 of the natural  
14 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
15 324.81101 to 324.81150 and 324.82101 to 324.82160, or a local  
16 ordinance substantially corresponding to a provision of part 811 or  
17 821 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994  
18 PA 451, MCL 324.81101 to 324.81150 and 324.82101 to 324.82160,  
19 except for violations of sections 81134, 81135, 82128, and 82129 of  
20 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
21 451, MCL 324.81134, 324.81135, 324.82128, and 324.82129, or a local  
22 ordinance substantially corresponding to sections 81134, 81135,  
23 82128, and 82129 of the natural resources and environmental  
24 protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81134, 324.81135, 324.82128,  
25 and 324.82129, when authorized by the chief judge of the district  
26 court **DISTRICT** and if the maximum permissible punishment does not  
27 exceed 93 days in jail or a fine, or both. However, the magistrate

1 may have the jurisdiction to arraign defendants and set bond with  
2 regard to violations of sections 81134, 81135, 82128, and 82129 of  
3 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
4 451, MCL 324.81134, 324.81135, 324.82128, and 324.82129.

5 (D) TO ARRAIGN, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE  
6 DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT, FOR A CONTEMPT VIOLATION OR A VIOLATION OF  
7 A CONDITION OF PROBATION WHEN EITHER ARISES DIRECTLY OUT OF A CASE  
8 FOR WHICH A JUDGE OR DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE CONDUCTED THE  
9 ARRAIGNMENT UNDER SUBDIVISION (A), (B), OR (C), OR THE FIRST  
10 APPEARANCE UNDER SECTION 8513, INVOLVING THE SAME DEFENDANT. THIS  
11 SUBDIVISION APPLIES ONLY TO OFFENSES PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR  
12 NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE, OR BOTH. THE DISTRICT COURT  
13 MAGISTRATE MAY SET BOND AND ACCEPT A PLEA BUT MAY NOT CONDUCT A  
14 VIOLATION HEARING OR SENTENCING.

15 (E) ~~(d)~~—To issue warrants for the arrest of a person upon the  
16 written authorization of the prosecuting or municipal attorney,  
17 except written authorization shall not be required for a vehicle  
18 law or ordinance violation within the jurisdiction of the  
19 magistrate if a police officer issued a traffic citation pursuant  
20 to section 728 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL  
21 257.728, and the defendant failed to appear.

22 (F) ~~(e)~~—To fix bail and accept bond in all cases.

23 (G) ~~(f)~~—To issue search warrants, when authorized to do so by  
24 a district court judge.

25 Sec. 8513. (1) When authorized by the chief judge of the  
26 district and whenever a district judge is not immediately  
27 available, a district court magistrate may conduct the first

1 appearance of a defendant before the court in all criminal and  
2 ordinance violation cases, including acceptance of any written  
3 demand or waiver of preliminary examination and acceptance of any  
4 written demand or waiver of jury trial. ~~but~~ **HOWEVER**, this section  
5 ~~shall~~ **DOES** not authorize ~~any~~ **A** district court magistrate to accept  
6 a plea of guilty or nolo contendere not expressly authorized  
7 pursuant to section 8511 or 8512a. A defendant neither demanding  
8 nor waiving preliminary examination in writing ~~shall be~~ **IS** deemed  
9 to have demanded preliminary examination and a defendant neither  
10 demanding nor waiving jury trial in writing ~~shall be~~ **IS** considered  
11 to have demanded a jury trial.

12 (2) If authorized by the chief judge of the district, a  
13 district court magistrate may **DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING**:

14 (a) Approve and grant petitions for the appointment of an  
15 attorney to represent an indigent defendant accused of any  
16 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or  
17 ordinance violation punishable by imprisonment.

18 (b) Suspend payment of court fees by an indigent party in any  
19 civil, small claims, or summary proceedings action, until after  
20 judgment has been entered.

21 (c) Upon written authorization of the prosecuting or city  
22 attorney, sign a nolle prosequi, dismissing any criminal or  
23 ordinance violation case over which the district court has  
24 jurisdiction and release any bail bond or bail bond deposit to the  
25 persons entitled ~~thereto~~ **TO THE BAIL BOND OR DEPOSIT**. However, if  
26 the preliminary examination or trial has commenced or a plea of  
27 guilty or nolo contendere has been accepted by a district court

1 judge, the dismissal order may be entered only by that judge or his  
2 or her alternate.

3 (d) Execute and issue process to carry into effect authority  
4 expressly granted by law to district court magistrates.

5 (3) A district court magistrate, for acts done within his or  
6 her jurisdiction as provided by law, ~~shall have~~**HAS** judicial  
7 immunity to the extent accorded a district court judge.