

SENATE BILL No. 687

July 15, 2009, Introduced by Senator GEORGE and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 78, entitled
"An act to declare the area of the state of Michigan,"
by amending the title and sections 1 and 2 (MCL 2.1 and 2.2).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to declare the area **AND BOUNDARIES** of the state of Michigan.

Sec. 1. **(1)** The total area of the state of Michigan is hereby declared to be **APPROXIMATELY** 96,720 square miles ~~consisting of 57,022 square miles of land and 39,698 square miles of inland water as based upon the boundaries of the state of Michigan according to article I, section 1 of the constitution of the state of Michigan of 1909, and United States statutes at large, volume 5, page 49, chapter 99, approved June 15, 1836~~ **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)**.

1 (2) THE STATE OF MICHIGAN CONSISTS OF AND HAS JURISDICTION
2 OVER THE TERRITORY EMBRACED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES:
3 COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF
4 INDIANA, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE OF
5 OHIO, AS ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
6 ESTABLISH THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AND TO
7 PROVIDE FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN INTO THE UNION
8 UPON THE CONDITIONS THEREIN EXPRESSED," APPROVED JUNE FIFTEENTH,
9 1836; CHAPTER 99, 5 STAT. 49 (1836), THENCE EASTERLY WITH THE SAID
10 BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF OHIO, AS ADOPTED IN 1917 BY JOINT
11 RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
12 ENTITLED "A JOINT RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE RE-LOCATION AND
13 PERMANENT MONUMENTING OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN OHIO AND
14 MICHIGAN," SJR 6, 1917 THE LINE CONTINUES THROUGH POSTS 70 AND 71
15 TO THE ORIGINAL NORTH CAPE OF MAUMEE BAY AND LAKE ERIE AS DESCRIBED
16 IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT SPECIAL MASTER'S DECREE 410 U.S.
17 FEBRUARY 22, 1973: 410 U.S. 420 THENCE THROUGH LAKE ERIE AND THE
18 CENTER OF THE "CIRCULAR CONCRETE SEAWALL ON TURTLE ISLAND" UNTIL
19 THE LINE INTERSECTS THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE
20 UNITED STATES AND CANADA IN LAKE ERIE, AS SAID INTERNATIONAL
21 BOUNDARY LINE IS ASCERTAINED AND REESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
22 IV OF THE TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES,
23 SIGNED APRIL ELEVENTH, 1908: ARTICLE IV, 35 STAT. 2009, THENCE WITH
24 THE SAID INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY LINE THROUGH THE DETROIT RIVER,
25 LAKE ST. CLAIR, THE ST. CLAIR RIVER, LAKE HURON, THE ST. MARYS
26 RIVER, AND LAKE SUPERIOR TO POINT N ON THE SAID INTERNATIONAL
27 BOUNDARY LINE IN LAKE SUPERIOR, IN THE VICINITY OF PIGEON POINT;

1 THENCE WITH THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA IN LAKE
2 SUPERIOR TO POINT A, MIDPOINT OF LINE N-M; THENCE WITH THE BOUNDARY
3 LINE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IN LAKE SUPERIOR TO POINT M IN THE
4 MOUTH OF THE MONTREAL RIVER, AS SAID POINTS AND BOUNDARY LINES ARE
5 DEFINED IN 1947 PA 267, MCL 2.201 TO 2.208 THENCE WITH THE BOUNDARY
6 LINE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN THROUGH THE MAIN CHANNEL OF THE
7 MONTREAL RIVER TO A POINT WHICH IS THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE
8 OVERLAND BOUNDARY AS DEFINED IN THE DECREE OF THE UNITED STATES
9 SUPREME COURT ENTERED MARCH SIXTEENTH, 1936; 297 U.S. 547 THENCE
10 WITH SAID OVERLAND BOUNDARY TO ITS EASTERN TERMINUS ON THE SHORE OF
11 LAKE BRULE: THENCE ALONG THE SHORE OF LAKE BRULE TO THE CENTER OF
12 THE MAIN CHANNEL OF THE RIVER BRULE: THENCE DOWN THE MAIN CHANNEL
13 OF THE RIVERS BRULE AND MENOMINEE TO THE MOUTH OF THE MENOMINEE
14 RIVER: THENCE WITH THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IN
15 GREEN BAY, AS DEFINED IN THE DECREE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME
16 COURT ENTERED MARCH SIXTEENTH, 1936 297 U.S. 547; THENCE WITH THE
17 SAID BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO POINT G IN LAKE
18 MICHIGAN, AS DEFINED IN 1947 PA 267, MCL 2.201 TO 2.208 THENCE
19 ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN IN LAKE MICHIGAN
20 TO POINT A, THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, AS
21 DEFINED IN 1947 PA 267, MCL 2.201 TO 2.208 THENCE SOUTHERLY THROUGH
22 LAKE MICHIGAN WITH THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
23 DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 67, 3 STAT. 428 TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE
24 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, AS THAT LINE WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE ACT OF
25 CONGRESS OF THE NINETEENTH OF APRIL, 1816; CHAPTER 57, 3 STAT. 289,
26 THENCE EAST WITH THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SAID STATE OF
27 INDIANA TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; AND THENCE SOUTH WITH THE

1 EASTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SAID STATE OF INDIANA TO THE PLACE OF
2 BEGINNING.

3 (3) THIS DESCRIPTION SHALL BE PRINTED IN THE MICHIGAN MANUAL
4 AND SUCCESSOR PUBLICATIONS WITH AN UNOFFICIAL APPROPRIATE GENERAL
5 REFERENCE MAP.

6 Sec. 2. All official publications of the state of Michigan
7 issued after the passage of this act, in which the total area ~~7~~
8 ~~total land area or total water area of Michigan are~~ **IS** stated,
9 shall use the ~~figures set forth~~ **FIGURE PROVIDED** in section 1.