

Addenda

Motions and Communications

Subsequent to the final adjournment of the Regular Session of the Legislature, the Secretary of the Senate enrolled and presented to the Governor on Monday, December 21, for his approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 177 at 10:49 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 178 at 10:51 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 500 at 10:53 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 538 at 10:55 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 552 at 10:57 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 531 at 10:59 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 532 at 11:01 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 533 at 11:03 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 418 at 11:05 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 425 at 11:07 a.m.

Subsequent to the final adjournment of the Regular Session of the Legislature, the Secretary of the Senate enrolled and presented to the Governor on Tuesday, December 22, for his approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 426 at 1:20 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 612 at 1:22 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 613 at 1:24 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 614 at 1:26 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 446 at 1:28 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 518 at 1:30 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 519 at 1:32 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 13 at 1:34 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 492 at 1:36 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 493 at 1:38 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 616 at 5:04 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 617 at 5:05 p.m.

Subsequent to the final adjournment of the Regular Session of the Legislature, the Secretary of the Senate enrolled and presented to the Governor on Monday, December 28, for his approval the following bill:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 571 at 10:52 a.m.

Messages from the Governor

Subsequent to the final adjournment of the Regular Session of the Legislature, the following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:06 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 531 (Public Act No. 233), being

An act to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:22 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:08 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 532 (Public Act No. 234), being

An act to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 176.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:24 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:10 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 533 (Public Act No. 235), being

An act to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 1988.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:26 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:16 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 500 (Public Act No. 240), being

An act to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled “An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state through the establishment of an unemployment compensation fund, and to provide for the disbursement thereof; to create certain other funds; to create the Michigan employment security commission, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the protection of the people of this state from the hazards of unemployment; to levy and provide for contributions from employers; to levy and provide for obligation assessments; to provide for the collection of those contributions and assessments; to enter into reciprocal agreements and to cooperate with agencies of the United States and of other states charged with the administration of any unemployment insurance law; to furnish certain information to certain governmental agencies for use in administering public benefit and child support programs and investigating and prosecuting fraud; to provide for the payment of benefits; to provide for appeals from redeterminations, decisions and notices of assessments; and for referees and a board of review to hear and decide the issues arising from redeterminations, decisions and notices of assessment; to provide for the cooperation of this state and compliance with the provisions of the social security act and the Wagner-Peyser act passed by the Congress of the United States of America; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of free public employment offices; to provide for the transfer of funds; to make appropriations for carrying out the provisions of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending section 44 (MCL 421.44), as amended by 2011 PA 269.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:36 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:20 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 538 (Public Act No. 242), being

An act to amend 1995 PA 29, entitled “An act concerning unclaimed property; to provide for the reporting and disposition of unclaimed property; to make uniform the law concerning unclaimed property; to prescribe the powers and

duties of certain state agencies and officials; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 2, 30, and 31 (MCL 567.222, 567.250, and 567.251), section 2 as amended by 2008 PA 208, section 30 as amended by 2012 PA 292, and section 31 as amended by 2013 PA 148, and by adding sections 4a and 31b. (Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:40 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:24 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 177 (Public Act No. 244), being

An act to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the insurance and surety business; to regulate the incorporation or formation of domestic insurance and surety companies and associations and the admission of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which companies and associations organized, existing, or authorized under this act may exercise their powers; to provide the rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which other persons, firms, corporations, associations, risk retention groups, and purchasing groups engaged in an insurance or surety business may exercise their powers; to provide for the imposition of a privilege fee on domestic insurance companies and associations and the state accident fund; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide for the imposition of a tax on risk retention groups and purchasing groups; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of surplus line agents; to provide for the imposition of regulatory fees on certain insurers; to provide for assessment fees on certain health maintenance organizations; to modify tort liability arising out of certain accidents; to provide for limited actions with respect to that modified tort liability and to prescribe certain procedures for maintaining those actions; to require security for losses arising out of certain accidents; to provide for the continued availability and affordability of automobile insurance and homeowners insurance in this state and to facilitate the purchase of that insurance by all residents of this state at fair and reasonable rates; to provide for certain reporting with respect to insurance and with respect to certain claims against uninsured or self-insured persons; to prescribe duties for certain state departments and officers with respect to that reporting; to provide for certain assessments; to establish and continue certain state insurance funds; to modify and clarify the status, rights, powers, duties, and operations of the nonprofit malpractice insurance fund; to provide for the departmental supervision and regulation of the insurance and surety business within this state; to provide for regulation over worker’s compensation self-insurers; to provide for the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for the protection of policyholders, claimants, and creditors of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for associations of insurers to protect policyholders and claimants in the event of insurer insolvencies; to prescribe educational requirements for insurance agents and solicitors; to provide for the regulation of multiple employer welfare arrangements; to create an automobile theft prevention authority to reduce the number of automobile thefts in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the automobile theft prevention authority; to provide certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to provide for an appropriation; to repeal acts and parts of acts; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act,” by amending sections 1301, 1311, 1312, 1315, 1325, 1333, 1341, 1343, 1351, 1355, and 1371 (MCL 500.1301, 500.1311, 500.1312, 500.1315, 500.1325, 500.1333, 500.1341, 500.1343, 500.1351, 500.1355, and 500.1371), sections 1301, 1312, 1315, 1351, and 1371 as amended by 1992 PA 182, section 1311 as amended by 2010 PA 61, section 1325 as amended by 1994 PA 227, section 1341 as amended by 1994 PA 443, and section 1343 as amended by 1995 PA 219, and by adding sections 1325a and 1357.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:44 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:26 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 178 (Public Act No. 245), being

An act to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the insurance and surety business; to regulate the incorporation or formation of domestic insurance and surety companies and associations and the admission of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which companies and associations organized, existing, or authorized under this act may exercise their powers; to provide the rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which other persons, firms, corporations, associations, risk retention groups, and purchasing groups engaged in an insurance or surety business may exercise their powers; to provide for the imposition of a privilege fee on domestic insurance companies and associations and the state accident fund; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide for the imposition of a tax on risk retention groups and

purchasing groups; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of surplus line agents; to provide for the imposition of regulatory fees on certain insurers; to provide for assessment fees on certain health maintenance organizations; to modify tort liability arising out of certain accidents; to provide for limited actions with respect to that modified tort liability and to prescribe certain procedures for maintaining those actions; to require security for losses arising out of certain accidents; to provide for the continued availability and affordability of automobile insurance and homeowners insurance in this state and to facilitate the purchase of that insurance by all residents of this state at fair and reasonable rates; to provide for certain reporting with respect to insurance and with respect to certain claims against uninsured or self-insured persons; to prescribe duties for certain state departments and officers with respect to that reporting; to provide for certain assessments; to establish and continue certain state insurance funds; to modify and clarify the status, rights, powers, duties, and operations of the nonprofit malpractice insurance fund; to provide for the departmental supervision and regulation of the insurance and surety business within this state; to provide for regulation over worker's compensation self-insurers; to provide for the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for the protection of policyholders, claimants, and creditors of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for associations of insurers to protect policyholders and claimants in the event of insurer insolvencies; to prescribe educational requirements for insurance agents and solicitors; to provide for the regulation of multiple employer welfare arrangements; to create an automobile theft prevention authority to reduce the number of automobile thefts in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the automobile theft prevention authority; to provide certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to provide for an appropriation; to repeal acts and parts of acts; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding chapter 17. (Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:46 p.m.)

Date: December 22, 2015

Time: 10:28 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 552 (Public Act No. 247), being

An act to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people's right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 3101 and 3122 (MCL 324.3101 and 324.3122), section 3101 as amended by 2006 PA 97 and section 3122 as amended by 2015 PA 82. (Filed with the Secretary of State on December 22, 2015, at 3:50 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:10 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 616 (Public Act No. 251), being

An act to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "An act to provide for the raising of additional public revenue by prescribing certain specific taxes, fees, and charges to be paid to the state for the privilege of engaging in certain business activities; to provide, incident to the enforcement thereof, for the issuance of licenses to engage in such occupations; to provide for the ascertainment, assessment and collection thereof; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act," by amending section 12 (MCL 205.62), as amended by 2008 PA 438, and by adding section 4ee.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:38 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:12 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 617 (Public Act No. 252), being

An act to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of a specific excise tax on the storage, use, or consumption in this state of tangible personal property and certain services; to appropriate the proceeds of that tax; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations," by amending section 14b (MCL 205.104b), as amended by 2008 PA 439, and by adding section 4cc.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:40 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:14 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 425 (Public Act No. 258), being

An act to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled “An act relating to aeronautics in this state; providing for the development and regulation of aeronautics; creating a state aeronautics commission; prescribing powers and duties; providing for the licensing, registration, and supervision and control of all aircraft, airports and landing fields, schools of aviation, flying clubs, airmen, aviation instructors, airport managers, manufacturers, dealers, and commercial operation in intrastate commerce; providing for rules pertaining thereto; prescribing a privilege tax for the use of the aeronautical facilities on the lands and waters of this state; providing for the acquisition, development, and operation of airports, landing fields, and other aeronautical facilities by this state, by political subdivisions, or by airport authorities; providing for the incorporation of airport authorities and providing for the powers, duties, and obligations of airport authorities; providing for the transfer of airport management to airport authorities, including the transfer of airport liabilities, employees, and operational jurisdiction; providing jurisdiction of crimes, torts, and contracts; providing police powers for those entrusted to enforce this act; providing for civil liability of owners, operators, and others; making hunting from aircraft unlawful; providing for a repair station operators lien; providing for appeals from rules or orders issued by the commission; providing for the transfer from the Michigan board of aeronautics to the aeronautics commission all properties and funds held by the board of aeronautics; providing for a state aeronautics fund and making an appropriation therefor; prescribing penalties; and making uniform the law with reference to state development and regulation of aeronautics,” by amending section 35 (MCL 259.35), as amended by 2002 PA 352.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:52 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:16 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 426 (Public Act No. 259), being

An act to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled “An act relating to aeronautics in this state; providing for the development and regulation of aeronautics; creating a state aeronautics commission; prescribing powers and duties; providing for the licensing, registration, and supervision and control of all aircraft, airports and landing fields, schools of aviation, flying clubs, airmen, aviation instructors, airport managers, manufacturers, dealers, and commercial operation in intrastate commerce; providing for rules pertaining thereto; prescribing a privilege tax for the use of the aeronautical facilities on the lands and waters of this state; providing for the acquisition, development, and operation of airports, landing fields, and other aeronautical facilities by this state, by political subdivisions, or by airport authorities; providing for the incorporation of airport authorities and providing for the powers, duties, and obligations of airport authorities; providing for the transfer of airport management to airport authorities, including the transfer of airport liabilities, employees, and operational jurisdiction; providing jurisdiction of crimes, torts, and contracts; providing police powers for those entrusted to enforce this act; providing for civil liability of owners, operators, and others; making hunting from aircraft unlawful; providing for a repair station operators lien; providing for appeals from rules or orders issued by the commission; providing for the transfer from the Michigan board of aeronautics to the aeronautics commission all properties and funds held by the board of aeronautics; providing for a state aeronautics fund and making an appropriation therefor; prescribing penalties; and making uniform the law with reference to state development and regulation of aeronautics,” by amending section 34 (MCL 259.34), as amended by 1996 PA 370.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:54 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:18 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 418 (Public Act No. 260), being

An act to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled “An act relating to aeronautics in this state; providing for the development and regulation of aeronautics; creating a state aeronautics commission; prescribing powers and duties; providing for the licensing, registration, and supervision and control of all aircraft, airports and landing fields, schools of aviation, flying clubs, airmen, aviation instructors, airport managers, manufacturers, dealers, and commercial operation in intrastate commerce; providing for rules pertaining thereto; prescribing a privilege tax for the use of the aeronautical facilities on the lands and waters of this state; providing for the acquisition, development, and operation of airports, landing fields, and other aeronautical facilities by this state, by political subdivisions, or by airport authorities; providing for the

incorporation of airport authorities and providing for the powers, duties, and obligations of airport authorities; providing for the transfer of airport management to airport authorities, including the transfer of airport liabilities, employees, and operational jurisdiction; providing jurisdiction of crimes, torts, and contracts; providing police powers for those entrusted to enforce this act; providing for civil liability of owners, operators, and others; making hunting from aircraft unlawful; providing for a repair station operators lien; providing for appeals from rules or orders issued by the commission; providing for the transfer from the Michigan board of aeronautics to the aeronautics commission all properties and funds held by the board of aeronautics; providing for a state aeronautics fund and making an appropriation therefor; prescribing penalties; and making uniform the law with reference to state development and regulation of aeronautics," by amending section 203 (MCL 259.203), as amended by 2008 PA 25.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:56 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:20 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 612 (Public Act No. 261), being

An act to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled "An act relating to aeronautics in this state; providing for the development and regulation of aeronautics; creating a state aeronautics commission; prescribing powers and duties; providing for the licensing, registration, and supervision and control of all aircraft, airports and landing fields, schools of aviation, flying clubs, airmen, aviation instructors, airport managers, manufacturers, dealers, and commercial operation in intrastate commerce; providing for rules pertaining thereto; prescribing a privilege tax for the use of the aeronautical facilities on the lands and waters of this state; providing for the acquisition, development, and operation of airports, landing fields, and other aeronautical facilities by this state, by political subdivisions, or by airport authorities; providing for the incorporation of airport authorities and providing for the powers, duties, and obligations of airport authorities; providing for the transfer of airport management to airport authorities, including the transfer of airport liabilities, employees, and operational jurisdiction; providing jurisdiction of crimes, torts, and contracts; providing police powers for those entrusted to enforce this act; providing for civil liability of owners, operators, and others; making hunting from aircraft unlawful; providing for a repair station operators lien; providing for appeals from rules or orders issued by the commission; providing for the transfer from the Michigan board of aeronautics to the aeronautics commission all properties and funds held by the board of aeronautics; providing for a state aeronautics fund and making an appropriation therefor; prescribing penalties; and making uniform the law with reference to state development and regulation of aeronautics," by amending section 7 (MCL 259.7), as amended by 2002 PA 35.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:58 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:22 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 613 (Public Act No. 262), being

An act to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "An act to provide for the raising of additional public revenue by prescribing certain specific taxes, fees, and charges to be paid to the state for the privilege of engaging in certain business activities; to provide, incident to the enforcement thereof, for the issuance of licenses to engage in such occupations; to provide for the ascertainment, assessment and collection thereof; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act," by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2012 PA 226, and by adding section 6c.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:24 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 614 (Public Act No. 263), being

An act to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of a specific excise tax on the storage, use, or consumption in this state of tangible personal property and certain services; to appropriate the proceeds of that tax; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations," by amending section 21 (MCL 205.111), as amended by 2014 PA 80, and by adding section 6c.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 3:02 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:32 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 518 (Public Act No. 253), being

An act to amend 1982 PA 294, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the friend of the court; to provide for the appointment or removal of the friend of the court; to create the office of the friend of the court; to establish the rights, powers, and duties of the friend of the court and the office of the friend of the court; to establish a state friend of the court bureau and to provide the powers and duties of the bureau; to prescribe powers and duties of the circuit court and of certain state and local agencies and officers; to establish friend of the court citizen advisory committees; to prescribe certain duties of certain employers and former employers; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 2 (MCL 552.502), as amended by 2009 PA 233.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:42 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:34 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 519 (Public Act No. 254), being

An act to amend 1971 PA 174, entitled “An act to create the office of child support; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of the office, certain public and private agencies, and certain employers and former employers,” by amending section 3 (MCL 400.233), as amended by 2014 PA 381.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 2:44 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:38 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 492 (Public Act No. 266), being

An act to amend 1974 PA 269, entitled “An act to regulate the offer, sale, and purchase of franchises; to prohibit fraudulent practices in relation thereto; to prohibit pyramid and chain promotions; to impose regulatory duties upon certain state departments and agencies; and to provide penalties,” (MCL 445.1501 to 445.1546) by adding section 4b.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 3:08 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:40 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 493 (Public Act No. 267), being

An act to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to worker’s disability compensation; to increase the administrative efficiency of the adjudicative processes of the worker’s compensation system; to improve the qualifications of the persons having adjudicative functions within the worker’s compensation system; to prescribe certain powers and duties; to create the board of worker’s compensation magistrates and the worker’s compensation appellate commission; to create certain other boards; to provide certain procedures for the resolution of claims, including mediation and arbitration; to prescribe certain benefits for persons suffering a personal injury under the act; to prescribe certain limitations on obtaining benefits under the act; to create, and provide for the transfer of, certain funds; to prescribe certain fees; to prescribe certain remedies and penalties; to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 418.101 to 418.941) by adding section 120.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 3:10 p.m.)

Date: December 23, 2015

Time: 9:42 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 446 (Public Act No. 265), being

An act to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge

of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people's right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 40111a (MCL 324.40111a), as amended by 2009 PA 199.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on December 23, 2015, at 3:06 p.m.)

Date: January 5, 2016

Time: 9:34 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 13 (Public Act No. 268), being

An act to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "An act to reorganize, consolidate, and add to the election laws; to provide for election officials and prescribe their powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, state agencies, and state and local officials and employees; to provide for the nomination and election of candidates for public office; to provide for the resignation, removal, and recall of certain public officers; to provide for the filling of vacancies in public office; to provide for and regulate primaries and elections; to provide for the purity of elections; to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise; to define violations of this act; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and all other acts inconsistent with this act," by amending sections 736c, 782b, 795c, 803, and 804 (MCL 168.736c, 168.782b, 168.795c, 168.803, and 168.804), section 736c as added by 2012 PA 128, section 795c as amended by 1990 PA 109, and section 803 as amended by 2004 PA 92.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on January 5, 2016, at 10:58 a.m.)

Date: January 6, 2016

Time: 2:45 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 571 (Public Act No. 269), being

An act to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "An act to regulate political activity; to regulate campaign financing; to restrict campaign contributions and expenditures; to require campaign statements and reports; to regulate anonymous contributions; to regulate campaign advertising and literature; to provide for segregated funds for political purposes; to provide for the use of public funds for political purposes; to create certain funds; to provide for reversion, retention, or refunding of unexpended balances in certain funds; to require other statements and reports; to regulate acceptance of certain gifts, payments, and reimbursements; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and state and local officials and employees; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 4, 6, 9, 10, 15, 21, 24, 33, 35, 47, 52, 54, 55, and 57 (MCL 169.204, 169.206, 169.209, 169.210, 169.215, 169.221, 169.224, 169.233, 169.235, 169.247, 169.252, 169.254, 169.255, and 169.257), sections 4, 6, 33, 47, 52, and 55 as amended by 2013 PA 252, section 9 as amended by 2012 PA 275, section 15 as amended by 2012 PA 277, section 21 as amended by 1989 PA 95, section 24 as amended by 1999 PA 237, section 35 as amended by 2012 PA 273, section 54 as amended by 1995 PA 264, and section 57 as amended by 2012 PA 31.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on January 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.)

Respectfully,
Rick Snyder
Governor

Subsequent to the final adjournment of the Regular Session of the Legislature, the following messages from the Governor were received:

January 5, 2016

Today I signed Senate Bill 13 into law. I am taking the opportunity to explain why I signed this bill, as it has been the subject of substantial public debate.

Under SB 13, Michigan joins 40 other states that require voters to select an individual for each elective office, rather than simply selecting a political party. As Governor, I have strived to put people before politics and strongly encourage voters to do the same. Under this new law, voters will select an individual for each office, rather than simply marking Republican or Democrat on their ballot.

As SB 13 moved through the legislative process, local elections officials and others expressed concern that eliminating the straight ticket voting option could lead to longer lines on Election Day, voter frustration, and possibly result in disenfranchised voters. They worry about longer lines because Michigan voters see extensive ballots, with multiple proposals at the state and local level, as well as candidates for municipal, school and judicial offices.

To address these concerns, the House of Representatives passed SB 13, tie-barred to House Bill 4724, legislation allowing for a secured form of no-reason absentee voting - meaning SB 13 couldn't become law unless HB 4724 did. However, as SB 13 was amended by both houses of the Legislature, it was ultimately passed without a tie-bar to HB 4724.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Michigan is one of only 13 states that does not allow for some form of early or no-reason absentee voting. Updating Michigan's archaic absentee voting law, and bringing Michigan in line with other states regarding early, or easier, access to the polls is critical as we continue to reinvent Michigan. HB 4724 passed the House and is currently in the Senate. Voters should have at least 15 days to vote by absentee before election day. I urge the Senate to pass the bill and send it to me as soon as possible to be signed into law. This will not only provide greater access to the polls, it will also help alleviate long lines at the ballot box.

This new law includes an appropriation of \$5 million for the purchase of new voting equipment to ease Election Day administration and future investments will be considered as needed. These resources, along with a responsible no-reason absentee voting program, will allow Michigan to administer elections quickly and fairly, and will keep the state consistent with the majority of other states.

SB 13 is simply one piece of how Michigan can modernize its election practices. I urge the Legislature to further engage in this discussion and ask the Senate to pass HB 4724 as soon as possible.

January 6, 2016

Today I signed Senate Bill 571 into law. Because of the substantial public debate surrounding the bill's passage, I am taking the opportunity to explain why I signed this bill, and encourage the Legislature to pass follow-up legislation to clarify certain provisions of the new law.

SB 571 includes many important reforms updating the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (the "Act"). It also amended section 57 of the Act to provide clarity to the existing prohibition on the use of public funds or resources to advocate for the passage or defeat of ballot questions. Under existing law, a public body, or a person acting on behalf of a public body, is prohibited from using public resources to make campaign expenditures. The existing prohibition contains several exceptions, including allowances for the expression of views by officials with policymaking responsibilities, the production or dissemination of factual information concerning relevant issues, and the production or dissemination of debates, interviews, and commentary if done in the ordinary course of business.

Since SB 571 was passed, there have been many misperceptions about what it means and how it impacts the prohibitions in existing law. By its own terms, SB 571 impacts only the ability of a local public body to produce or disseminate information concerning issues relevant to the function of the public body 60 days before an election, if that communication is a "radio, television, mass mailing, or prerecorded telephone message" that is "targeted to the relevant electorate" voting on the local ballot question. The new language in subsection (3) only applies when local governmental entities use taxpayer resources to distribute mass communications concerning ballot questions. As I interpret this language, it is intended to prohibit communications that are plain attempts to influence voters without using words like "vote for" or "support." With this clarified prohibition, there remain many other mechanisms, including private entities, associations, and political action committees to encourage support or opposition to a ballot proposal that do not rely on public resources.

Importantly, SB 571's new prohibitions were not made applicable to any of the other existing exceptions in current law, in particular, those that are grounded in First Amendment political speech protections. This includes: policymaking officials still can express their own views; a public body can use its facilities to host debates or town halls on ballot questions; and local officials can express their own personal views on their own personal time. These are important exceptions to retain to protect free political speech and also ensure that the electorate has the opportunity to be adequately informed about upcoming ballot proposals. Those exceptions are not in any way impacted by the new language in SB 571.

However, recognizing that many local governmental entities and schools have raised concerns regarding confusion with the new language in section 57, I am calling on the Legislature to enact new legislation to address those concerns, and clarify that the new language does not impact the expression of personal views by a public official, the use of resources or facilities in the ordinary course of business, and that it is intended only to prohibit the use of targeted, advertisement style mass communications that are reasonably interpreted as an attempt to influence the electorate using taxpayer dollars. Local governmental entities and schools should still be allowed to distribute basic information about an election including the proposed or final ballot language and the date of the election. This is keeping within the spirit of the existing restrictions in the Act.

The Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House have agreed to work together on follow-up legislation clarifying the provision in section 57 of the Act in time for the March 2016 election.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

