

THIS RESOLUTION IS OFFERED TO COMPLY WITH MCL 4.101, MCL 4.541, AND
RULE 2.102 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.150

Senator Shirkey offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to grant the Senate Standing Committee on
2 Oversight the full scope of power as authorized by MCL 4.101 and
3 MCL 4.541 to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and examine books
4 and records.

5 Whereas, Full access to accurate information is essential for
6 sound decision making by any public or private body; and

7 Whereas, According to Michigan Senate Rules and Michigan law,
8 standing committees of the Senate, including the Senate Standing
9 Committee on Oversight, may be granted the power to administer
10 oaths, issue subpoenas, and examine books and records; and

11 Whereas, Section 1 of 1952 PA 46, MCL 4.541, provides, in
12 part, that:

13 ...any standing or select committee of the senate or the

1 house of representatives, and any joint select committee
2 of the senate and house of representatives, shall be
3 authorized to subpoena and have produced before any such
4 committee, or inspect the records and files of any state
5 department, board, institution or agency; and it shall be
6 the duty of any state department, board, institution or
7 agency to produce before the committee as required by the
8 subpoena, or permit the members of any such committee to
9 inspect its records and files.

10 ; and

11 Whereas, Section 1 of 1931 PA 118, MCL 4.101, provides:
12 Committees and commissions of or appointed by the
13 legislature may by resolution of the legislature be
14 authorized to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses and/or
15 to examine the books and records of any persons,
16 partnerships or corporations involved in a matter properly
17 before any of such committees or commissions. Any witness
18 who neglects or refuses to obey a subpoena of any of such
19 committees or commissions, or who refuses to be sworn or
20 testify, or who fails on demand to produce any papers,
21 books or documents touching any matter under investigation,
22 or any witness or attorney who is guilty of any contempt
23 while in attendance at any hearing before any of such
24 committees or commissions, may be punished as for contempt
25 of the legislature.

26 ; and

27 Whereas, Pursuant to Rule 2.102 of the Standing Rules of the
28 Senate, the authority for a committee to administer oaths, issue
29 subpoenas, and examine books and records shall be granted by

1 resolution; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That, pursuant to Michigan Senate
3 Rules and Michigan law, we hereby grant the Senate Standing
4 Committee on Oversight the full scope of power as authorized by MCL
5 4.101 and MCL 4.541 to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and
6 examine books and records.