

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4982**

A bill to amend 1965 PA 213, entitled  
"An act to provide for setting aside the conviction in certain  
criminal cases; to provide for the effect of such action; to  
provide for the retention of certain nonpublic records and their  
use; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public agencies  
and officers; and to prescribe penalties,"  
(MCL 780.621 to 780.624) by adding section 1e.

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

1           **Sec. 1e. (1) Beginning on January 1, 2020, a person convicted**  
2           **of 1 or more misdemeanor marihuana offenses in violation of the**  
3           **laws of this state or a local ordinance of a political subdivision**  
4           **of this state may apply to set aside the conviction or convictions**  
5           **under this subsection.**

6           **(2) An application under subsection (1) must contain all of**



1 the following information:

2 (a) The full name and current address of the applicant.

3 (b) A certified record of each conviction that is to be set  
4 aside.

5 (3) A copy of the application under subsection (1) must be  
6 served upon the agency that prosecuted the offense or offenses the  
7 applicant seeks to set aside.

8 (4) A rebuttable presumption that a misdemeanor marihuana-  
9 related conviction sought to be set aside by an applicant was based  
10 on activity that would not have been a crime if committed on or  
11 after December 6, 2018 arises upon the filing of an application  
12 under subsection (1). The presumption described in this subsection  
13 may be rebutted by the presentation of evidence by the prosecuting  
14 agency that prosecuted the case that demonstrates by a  
15 preponderance of the evidence that the conduct on which the  
16 applicant's conviction was or convictions were based would  
17 constitute a criminal violation of the laws of this state or a  
18 political subdivision of this state if it had been committed on or  
19 after December 6, 2018. An answer made under this subsection must  
20 be filed no later than 60 days from the date of service of the  
21 application. If an answer is filed with the convicting court, the  
22 answering party must serve the answer upon the other parties to the  
23 matter.

24 (5) Upon the expiration of the 60-day period under subsection  
25 (4), if the prosecuting agency has not filed an answer to the  
26 application addressing the rebuttable presumption described in  
27 subsection (4), the convicting court must within 21 days enter an  
28 order setting aside the conviction or convictions and serve a copy  
29 of the order upon the applicant, the arresting agency, the



1 prosecuting agency, and the department of the state police.

2 (6) If the prosecuting agency files an answer addressing the  
3 rebuttable presumption in subsection (4), the convicting court must  
4 promptly set the matter for a hearing no later than 30 days from  
5 its receipt of the answer, and serve a notice of the hearing upon  
6 the applicant. At the hearing, the prosecuting agency must prove by  
7 a preponderance of the evidence that a conviction or convictions  
8 sought to be set aside by an applicant were based upon conduct that  
9 would constitute a criminal violation of the laws of this state or  
10 a political subdivision of this state if it had been committed on  
11 or after December 6, 2018. An applicant is not required to present  
12 evidence that his or her conviction was based upon conduct that  
13 would not constitute a criminal violation of the laws of this state  
14 or a political subdivision of this state on or after December 6,  
15 2018. The evidentiary burden under this subsection rests solely on  
16 the objecting prosecuting agency. After a hearing under this  
17 subsection, the court shall enter an order denying or granting the  
18 application no later than 14 days after completion of the hearing  
19 and serve any written opinions and orders, including an order  
20 setting aside the conviction or convictions, upon the parties,  
21 including the department of state police. The rules of evidence do  
22 not apply to a hearing under this subsection.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 180 days  
24 after the date it is enacted into law.

25 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
26 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
27 enacted into law:

28 (a) House Bill No. 4980.

29 (b) House Bill No. 4981.



- 1 (c) House Bill No. 4983.
- 2 (d) House Bill No. 4984.
- 3 (e) House Bill No. 4985.
- 4 (f) House Bill No. 5120.

