

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4804

June 26, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Miller and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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:

1 TITLE  
2 An act to declare the area **and boundaries** of the state of  
3 Michigan.  
4 Sec. 1. **(1)** The total area of the state of Michigan is hereby  
5 declared to be **approximately** 96,720 square miles ~~consisting of~~  
6 ~~57,022 square miles of land and 39,698 square miles of inland water~~



1 as based upon the boundaries of the state of Michigan ~~according to~~  
2 ~~article I, section 1 of the constitution of the state of Michigan~~  
3 ~~of 1909, and United States statutes at large, volume 5, page 49,~~  
4 ~~chapter 99, approved June 15, 1836.~~ as described in subsection (2).

5 (2) The state of Michigan consists of and has jurisdiction  
6 over the territory embraced within the boundaries described in this  
7 act. The boundaries of this state and the coincident portions of  
8 its bordering states and country are defined and located as  
9 follows:

10 (a) Beginning, for Ohio, from the northwest corner of the  
11 state of Ohio, as established by act of Congress, entitled "An Act  
12 to establish the northern boundary line of the state of Ohio, and  
13 to provide for the admission of the state of Michigan into the  
14 Union upon the conditions therein expressed," approved June  
15 fifteenth, 1836; chapter 99, 5 Stat. 49 (1836), the said northwest  
16 corner further identified in the 1915 joint survey authorized by  
17 1915 PA 84, for monumenting the boundary between Michigan and Ohio  
18 and the official report submitted to the legislature, dated July 1,  
19 1916, then easterly with the said boundary line of the state of  
20 Ohio, as retraced and monumented in 1915 and, as adopted in 1917 by  
21 Joint Resolution Number 6 of the Legislature of the State of  
22 Michigan, entitled "A JOINT RESOLUTION with reference to the re-  
23 location and permanent monumenting of the boundary line between  
24 Ohio and Michigan," SJR 6, 1917, then continuing through the said  
25 1915 state line survey Posts 70 and 71 to the original North Cape  
26 of Maumee Bay and, then northeast in Lake Erie as described in the  
27 United States Supreme Court Special Master's Decree 410 U.S.  
28 February 22, 1973, to the international boundary with Canada.

29 (b) For Canada, running with the international boundary



1 ascertained and reestablished pursuant to Article IV of the Treaty  
2 between Great Britain and the United States, signed April Eleventh,  
3 1908: Article IV, 35 Stat. 2009, being northerly through Lake Erie,  
4 the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, and  
5 northerly then northwesterly through Lake Huron, the St. Marys  
6 River, and westerly through Lake Superior, then continuing  
7 southerly in Lake Superior to the boundary line of the state of  
8 Minnesota.

9 (c) For Minnesota, the boundaries described in 1947 PA 267,  
10 MCL 2.201 to 2.207, to the boundary line of the state of Wisconsin.

11 (d) For Wisconsin, the boundaries described in 1947 PA 267,  
12 MCL 2.201 to 2.207 and the decree of the United States Supreme  
13 Court entered March sixteenth, 1936; 297 US 547, into Green Bay,  
14 and northeasterly and easterly out into Lake Michigan; thence  
15 southerly through Lake Michigan with the boundary line of the state  
16 of Wisconsin to the southeast corner of the state of Wisconsin.

17 (e) For Illinois, the boundaries described from point A as  
18 described in section 1 of 1947 PA 267, MCL 2.201, from the  
19 southeast corner of the state of Wisconsin in Lake Michigan, thence  
20 southerly through Lake Michigan with the boundary line of the state  
21 of Illinois described in chapter 67, 3 Stat. 428, signed April  
22 eighteenth, 1818, to the northern boundary line of the state of  
23 Indiana.

24 (f) For Indiana, boundaries described as established by the  
25 act of congress on the nineteenth of April, 1816; chapter 57, 3  
26 Stat. 289, from the boundary point with Illinois, then east with  
27 the northern boundary line of the state of Indiana to the northeast  
28 corner thereof, and thence south with the eastern boundary line of  
29 the state of Indiana to the place of beginning as provided in



1 former 2010 PA 259 being the said northwest corner of the state of  
2 Ohio described in subdivision (a).

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.

