

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 689**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
by amending section 2102 (MCL 600.2102) and by adding chapter 21A.

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

1           Sec. 2102. (1) ~~In cases where~~ **IF** by law the affidavit of any ~~A~~  
2 person residing in another state of the United States ~~, or in any~~  
3 ~~foreign country,~~ is required ~~,~~ or may be received in **AN ACTION OR**  
4 judicial ~~proceedings~~ **PROCEEDING** in this state, to entitle the same  
5 **AFFIDAVIT** to be read, it must be authenticated as follows:  
6 ~~—— (1) It must be certified by the consul general, deputy consul~~  
7 ~~general, or some consul or deputy consul of the United States~~  
8 ~~resident in such foreign country, to have been taken and subscribed~~  
9 ~~before him, specifying the time and place where taken and have the~~  
10 ~~consular seal attached, or~~

1 ~~—— (2) It must be~~ **BY BEING** certified by ~~some~~ **A** judge of a court  
 2 ~~having~~ **THAT HAS** a seal ~~to have~~ **AS HAVING** been taken and subscribed  
 3 before ~~him~~ **THE JUDGE**, specifying the time and place where **THE**  
 4 **AFFIDAVIT WAS** taken. †

5 (2) ~~(3)~~ The genuineness of the signature of ~~such~~ **A** judge **UNDER**  
 6 **SUBSECTION (1)**, the existence of the court, and the fact that ~~such~~  
 7 **THE** judge is a member ~~thereof~~ **OF THE COURT**, must be certified by  
 8 the clerk of the court under the seal ~~thereof~~, **OF THE COURT**.

9 (3) ~~(4)~~ If ~~such~~ **AN** affidavit ~~be~~ **IS** taken in ~~any other~~ **ANOTHER**  
 10 **STATE OR TERRITORY** of the United States, ~~or in any territory~~  
 11 ~~thereof~~, it may be taken before a commissioner ~~duly~~ appointed and  
 12 commissioned by the governor of this state to take affidavits  
 13 ~~therein~~ **IN THE OTHER STATE OR TERRITORY**, or before ~~any~~ **A** notary  
 14 public or justice of the peace authorized by the laws of ~~such~~ **THE**  
 15 **OTHER** state **OR TERRITORY** to administer oaths ~~therein~~ **IN THE OTHER**  
 16 **STATE OR TERRITORY**. The signature of ~~such~~ **THE** notary public or  
 17 justice of the peace, and the fact that at the time ~~of~~ ~~the taking~~  
 18 ~~of~~ ~~such~~ affidavit **WAS TAKEN** the person before whom ~~the same~~ **IT** was  
 19 taken was ~~such~~ **A** notary public or justice of the peace, ~~shall~~ **MUST**  
 20 be certified by the clerk of any court of record in the county  
 21 where ~~such~~ **THE** affidavit ~~shall be~~ **IS** taken, under the seal of ~~said~~  
 22 **THE** court.

## 23 CHAPTER 21A

### 24 UNIFORM UNSWORN FOREIGN DECLARATIONS ACT

25 SEC. 2181. THIS CHAPTER MAY BE REFERRED TO AND CITED AS THE  
 26 "UNIFORM UNSWORN FOREIGN DECLARATIONS ACT".

27 SEC. 2182. AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER:

1 (A) "BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED STATES" MEANS THE GEOGRAPHIC  
2 BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE UNITED STATES  
3 VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND ANY TERRITORY OR INSULAR POSSESSION SUBJECT TO  
4 THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 (B) "LAW" INCLUDES THE FEDERAL OR A STATE CONSTITUTION, A  
6 FEDERAL OR STATE STATUTE, A JUDICIAL DECISION OR ORDER, A COURT  
7 RULE, AN EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE, REGULATION,  
8 OR ORDER.

9 (C) "RECORD" MEANS INFORMATION THAT IS INSCRIBED ON A TANGIBLE  
10 MEDIUM OR THAT IS STORED IN AN ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEDIUM AND IS  
11 RETRIEVABLE IN PERCEIVABLE FORM.

12 (D) "SIGN" MEANS TO DO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING WITH PRESENT  
13 INTENT TO AUTHENTICATE OR ADOPT A RECORD:

14 (i) EXECUTE OR ADOPT A TANGIBLE SYMBOL.

15 (ii) ATTACH TO OR LOGICALLY ASSOCIATE WITH THE RECORD AN  
16 ELECTRONIC SYMBOL, SOUND, OR PROCESS.

17 (E) "STATE" MEANS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT  
18 OF COLUMBIA, PUERTO RICO, THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, OR ANY  
19 TERRITORY OR INSULAR POSSESSION SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
20 UNITED STATES.

21 (F) "SWORN DECLARATION" MEANS A DECLARATION IN A SIGNED RECORD  
22 GIVEN UNDER OATH. SWORN DECLARATION INCLUDES A SWORN STATEMENT,  
23 VERIFICATION, CERTIFICATE, AND AFFIDAVIT.

24 (G) "UNSWORN DECLARATION" MEANS A DECLARATION IN A SIGNED  
25 RECORD THAT IS NOT GIVEN UNDER OATH, BUT IS GIVEN UNDER PENALTY OF  
26 PERJURY.

27 SEC. 2183. THIS CHAPTER APPLIES TO AN UNSWORN DECLARATION BY A

1 DECLARANT WHO AT THE TIME OF MAKING THE DECLARATION IS PHYSICALLY  
2 LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED STATES WHETHER OR NOT  
3 THE LOCATION IS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.  
4 THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT APPLY TO A DECLARATION BY A DECLARANT WHO IS  
5 PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON PROPERTY THAT IS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE  
6 UNITED STATES AND SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY OR  
7 A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE.

8 SEC. 2184. (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2),  
9 IF A LAW OF THIS STATE REQUIRES OR PERMITS USE OF A SWORN  
10 DECLARATION, AN UNSWORN DECLARATION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
11 THIS CHAPTER HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS A SWORN DECLARATION.

12 (2) THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (A) A DEPOSITION.

14 (B) AN OATH OF OFFICE.

15 (C) AN OATH REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN BEFORE A SPECIFIED OFFICIAL  
16 OTHER THAN A NOTARY PUBLIC.

17 (D) A DECLARATION TO BE RECORDED WITH A REGISTER OF DEEDS.

18 (E) AN OATH REQUIRED BY SECTION 2504 OF THE ESTATES AND  
19 PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.2504.

20 SEC. 2185. IF A LAW OF THIS STATE REQUIRES THAT A SWORN  
21 DECLARATION BE PRESENTED IN A PARTICULAR MEDIUM, AN UNSWORN  
22 DECLARATION MUST BE PRESENTED IN THAT MEDIUM.

23 SEC. 2186. AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER THIS CHAPTER MUST BE  
24 IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:

25 I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE  
26 OF MICHIGAN THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT I AM  
27 PHYSICALLY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE UNITED

1 STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND ANY  
2 TERRITORY OR INSULAR POSSESSION SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
3 UNITED STATES.

4 EXECUTED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AT  
5 (DATE) (MONTH) (YEAR)

6 \_\_\_\_\_,  
7 (CITY OR OTHER LOCATION, AND STATE) (COUNTRY)

8 \_\_\_\_\_  
9 (PRINTED NAME)

10 \_\_\_\_\_  
11 (SIGNATURE)

12 SEC. 2187. IN APPLYING AND CONSTRUING THIS CHAPTER,  
13 CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE NEED TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY OF  
14 THE LAW WITH RESPECT TO ITS SUBJECT MATTER AMONG THE STATES THAT  
15 ENACT THE UNIFORM UNSWORN FOREIGN DECLARATIONS ACT.

16 SEC. 2188. THIS ACT MODIFIES, LIMITS, AND SUPERSEDES THE  
17 FEDERAL ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT,  
18 15 USC 7001 TO 7031, EXCEPT THAT IT DOES NOT MODIFY, LIMIT, OR  
19 SUPERSEDE SECTION 101(C) OF THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND  
20 NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT, 15 USC 7001(C), OR AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC  
21 DELIVERY OF ANY OF THE NOTICES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 103(B) OF THE  
22 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT, 15 USC

1 7003(B) .

2 **SEC. 2190. THIS CHAPTER TAKES EFFECT JULY 1, 2012.**

3 Enacting section 1. Section 2102 of the revised judicature act  
4 of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.2102, as amended by this amendatory  
5 act, takes effect July 1, 2012.

6 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
7 unless Senate Bill No. 688 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into  
8 law.