

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5028

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
(MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding chapter 19A.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER 19A

ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO COURTS

SEC. 1985. AS USED IN THIS CHAPTER:

(A) "AUTHORIZED COURT" MEANS A COURT ACCEPTED BY THE STATE  
COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE UNDER SECTION 1991 FOR ACCESS TO THE  
ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM.

(B) "AUTOMATED PAYMENT" MEANS AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT METHOD  
AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT THE  
DIRECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
PAYMENTS MADE WITH CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS.

(C) "CIVIL ACTION" MEANS AN ACTION THAT IS NOT A CRIMINAL

1 CASE, A CIVIL INFRACTION ACTION, A PROCEEDING COMMENCED IN THE  
2 PROBATE COURT UNDER SECTION 3982 OF THE ESTATES AND PROTECTED  
3 INDIVIDUALS CODE, 1988 PA 386, MCL 700.3982, OR A PROCEEDING  
4 INVOLVING A JUVENILE UNDER CHAPTER XIIA OF THE PROBATE CODE OF  
5 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1 TO 712A.32.

6 (D) "CLERK" MEANS THE CLERK OF THE COURT REFERENCED IN THE  
7 RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND INCLUDES THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME  
8 COURT, CHIEF CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, COUNTY CLERK, PROBATE  
9 REGISTER, DISTRICT COURT CLERK, OR CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS  
10 WHERE THE CIVIL ACTION IS COMMENCED, AS APPLICABLE.

11 (E) "COURT FUNDING UNIT" MEANS 1 OF THE FOLLOWING, AS  
12 APPLICABLE:

13 (i) FOR CIRCUIT OR PROBATE COURT, THE COUNTY.

14 (ii) FOR DISTRICT COURT, THE DISTRICT FUNDING UNIT AS THAT  
15 TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 8104.

16 (iii) FOR THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS, OR COURT OF  
17 CLAIMS, THE STATE.

18 (F) "ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM AUTHORIZED AFTER  
19 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS CHAPTER BY  
20 THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS USING A  
21 PORTAL CONTRACTED FOR BY THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR  
22 THE FILING OF DOCUMENTS IN THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS,  
23 CIRCUIT COURT, PROBATE COURT, DISTRICT COURT, AND COURT OF CLAIMS.

24 (G) "ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM FEE" MEANS THE FEE DESCRIBED IN  
25 SECTION 1986.

26 (H) "PARTY" MEANS THE PERSON OR ENTITY COMMENCING A CIVIL  
27 ACTION.

1           (I) "QUALIFIED VENDOR" MEANS A PRIVATE VENDOR SELECTED BY THE  
2 STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BY A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS  
3 TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 1991(3).

4           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January  
5 1, 2016.

6           Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
7 unless all of the following bills of the 98th Legislature are  
8 enacted into law:

- 9           (a) Senate Bill No. 531.  
10           (b) Senate Bill No. 532.  
11           (c) Senate Bill No. 533.  
12           (d) House Bill No. 5029.  
13           (e) House Bill No. 5030.