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House Bill 6016 (as reported with amendment)  
House Bill 6017 (as reported with amendments)  
Sponsor: Representative Larry Julian (H.B. 6016)  
Representative Ken Bradstreet (H.B. 6017)  
House Committee: House Oversight and Operations  
Senate Committee: Government Operations

## **CONTENT**

House Bill 6016 would amend the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act to include under the Act's definition of "police officer" the sergeant at arms or any assistant sergeant at arms of either house of the Legislature commissioned as a police officer by that house, as proposed by House Bill 6017. House Bill 6017 would create "the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act" to allow each house of the Legislature to commission the sergeant at arms and one or more assistant sergeants at arms within that house as police officers, to enforce rules adopted by that house and State laws, as designated by the Senate or the House of Representatives, respectively. In performing those enforcement activities, commissioned sergeants and assistant sergeants would be vested with the powers, privileges, prerogatives, and immunities conferred upon police officers under State laws.

The office of sergeant at arms of each house of the Legislature would be a law enforcement agency of the State. Each sergeant or assistant sergeant commissioned as a police officer would have the power to enforce the rules of the Senate or the House, as applicable, and State laws in the Capitol building and on Capitol grounds; in buildings in which the offices of legislative members were located; in locations where either house of the Legislature or a committee or subcommittee of either house was holding a session, meeting, or public hearing, including a reasonable time before and after the session, meeting, or hearing; in legislative parking areas; and in areas immediately adjacent to any of the places described above.

The Senate and the House of Representatives, pursuant to their respective rules, could delegate the authority to commission the sergeant or assistant sergeants as police officers to the Senate Majority Leader, Secretary of the Senate, or other officers or employees of the Senate, or to the Speaker of the House, the Clerk of the House, or other officers or employees of the House, as applicable.

The bill would establish a bipartisan sergeant at arms oversight committee in the House of Representatives. The six-member committee would consist of three members of the majority and three members of the minority party. The committee would have to recommend to the Speaker of the House policy considerations that affected the powers of the sergeant at arms.

MCL 28.602 (H.B. 6016)

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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