

SPEAKING OUT

Locating Information on the Issues

How to Find a STATE Legislative Bill, Law or Public Act

www.legislature.mi.gov From this website you can access a list of frequently requested State laws or public acts. There is no charge to download the text of the bill. Enter the bill by number in the appropriate search window. If you don't know the bill number, there is another search window where you can enter a category or subject and all bills associated with that topic will be listed. You can also find the most recent bill activity, and the session schedule of each chamber.

Michigan Law Library If you need further information on archived bills / public acts or if you have a leg research question, you may contact the Michigan Law Library at (517) 373-0630.

www.miseniors.net Go to this website page and scroll down to **Resources for Aging Newsletter** . This is a biweekly electronic newsletter of the MI Office of Services to the Aging. It gives a synopsis of important, current, legislative issues, news from the Governor's office, statewide events, seminars and conferences concerning aging issues. It also serves as an excellent resource of links to other websites on related issues and statewide aging organizations.

How to Find a FEDERAL Legislative Bill, Law or Public Act

www.gpoaccess.gov Located on this website are several access points to legislative activity. Try the **A-Z Resource List**. Using **Browse Topics**, key in a topic and you will find all federal laws on this topic. Click on **All Regulatory Applications** for further information and search options.

www.miseniors.net The **Resources for Aging Newsletter** lists current federal bills, by name and number with a brief description of the proposed legislation including the sponsor of the bill.

How to find information on how your legislator voted.

www.legislature.mi.gov

Making Your Voice Heard

Your view is important. Often only a few forms of communication on an issue can make a difference. Use your own words instead of a form letter, script or printed post card.

Tips for Effective Communication with Your Legislator

- Clearly state your purpose in the first paragraph.
- Identify the name of the bill and/or number if known
- Be courteous, to the point, factual, using examples to support your position. • Be sincere, courteous and non-threatening.
- Address only one issue or bill in each letter and keep it to one page.
- Inform them that you are a constituent. Ask them to support or oppose the issue or bill. • Include information they need to get back to you.
- Don't be afraid to contact them again, if their response is generic or non-committal. • Thank them when you feel they have done a good job.

Methods of Communication

An elected official can be contacted:

- by letter
- by phone call
- by fax
- hv e-mail

Sample Letter to a Member of Congress

Address elected officials properly. Check spelling.

U.S. Senator

The Honorable (full name)
United States Senator
Address

U.S. Representative

The Honorable (full name)
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Your Name
Address

Date

The Honorable
Address

Dear Representative or Senator:

I would like to share my concern/support.....(clearly state the issue).

This issue/cut/decision/legislation/bill # will.....(state your view, give facts). I feel strongly that.....(state what you would like to see done).

Thanks for your time and consideration of this issue.....(ask their support).

Sincerely,

(Sign your name)

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