

A BUSY LEGISLATIVE DAY

51st LEGISLATURE PASSED 420 BILLS DURING SESSION

DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION MARKS IMPORTANT CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF STATE'S AFFAIRS.

RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Governor As Chairman of Administrative Board Now Has Veto Power in Control of State Business.

(By William Lee Calnon.) Lansing—The fifty-first Michigan legislature closed its regular session with less noise and more trouble than any previous session in the entire history of the state.

Should all the new provisions made by this legislature work out as is hoped by their sponsors this legislature is bound to take rank as the most constructive one thus far. It has enacted laws that completely change the style of conducting the state's affairs. It has established five new departments to take over work heretofore conducted by 33 boards and commissions.

It has created what amounts to a board of directors to control the whole state business, with a chairman of the board whose veto is final. This is accomplished by the new state administrative board, with the governor as chairman.

The total acts passed by the 1922 legislature are 420, of which 262 originated in the house and 158 in the senate.

Following is a digest of all bills which passed both houses:

HOUSE ENROLLED ACTS.

1. (Byrum) Provides that special elections to fill vacancies shall be preceded by special primaries.
2. (Reed) Amends the sheep importation law.
3. (Aldrich) Provides that a school district operating under a special act may hold its annual meeting on the second Monday in July. Given immediate effect.
4. (Brown) Provides that Flint may hold a referendum on its school tax maximum. Given immediate effect.
5. (Reed) Provides for annual meetings of the state board of equalization.
6. (Olmsted) Amends highway act to provide for the payment of outstanding road bonds by adding the road district to the state board of auditors. Given immediate effect.
7. (Warner) Repeals sections of highway act which permit counties to rescind votes by which they adopted the county roads system. Given immediate effect.
8. (Dunn) Amends school bond act so that cities of from 15,000 to 100,000 population may provide for a sinking fund for school bonds and for its investment.
9. (McDonald) Amends village incorporation act by adding the sale and soft drink importations to those subject to license regulation.
10. (Kirby) Amends the highway act to bring roads and bridges in villages of less than 2,500 population into the state road system. Given immediate effect.
11. (Atwood) Creates the State Department of Agriculture and transfers to it various boards and commissions.
12. (Lynn) Adds world war veterans to those whose widows, wives and mothers are eligible for admission to state homes.
13. (Hart) Amends the election laws to permit the governor to fill judgeship vacancies when they occur within 90 days of spring elections or 100 days of fall elections. Given immediate effect.
14. (Lennon) Prohibits aliens from possessing firearms.
15. (LeWitt) Requires that motor vehicles of one ton capacity or more, used for commercial purposes, be equipped with mirrors to show traffic behind.
16. (Morrison) Authorizes payment of appropriate money to give fire protection to unincorporated villages.
17. (Liddy) Adds county school commissioners and bar association libraries to those entitled to receive copies of state laws and public documents.
18. (Weiss) Prohibits all fishing except with hook and line in Cass, Van Buren, Berrien and Calhoun county lakes.
19. (Brown) Creates the State Conservation Department and transfers to it the public domain commission, game warden's department and other boards and commissions. Given immediate effect.
20. (Weiss) Adds Weatherbe, Wood and Little Wood lakes to the Cass county lakes from which game may be taken from Nov. 15 to Dec. 10.
21. (Coleman) Regulates the taking of minnows in Lyon lake, Calhoun county.
22. (Warner) Excepts teachers' employment agencies from those limited to charging ten per cent of the first month's wages for places situated in districts.
23. (Miles) Limits all fishermen to a catch of 20 perch in any one day or the possession of more than 50 at one time.
24. (Reed) Regulates qualification of bank stockholders when elected directors.
25. (Hunter) Permits banks to own real estate up to 50 per cent of their capital and surplus.
26. (Robinson) Authorizes townships to acquire an acre of land on which to erect memorials to soldiers and sailors.
27. (Warner) Regulates turning over of funds by the treasurer of a fractional school district to the township clerk.
28. (Horton) Provides that teachers with three years experience may be granted life certificates.
29. (Weiss) Provides for licensing and regulation by township boards of billiard and pool rooms, dance halls, bowling alleys and soft drink emporiums located outside incorporated cities and villages.
30. (Morrison) Provides for changing boundary lines of school districts.
31. (Green) Provides for raising funds to establish and maintain schools outside the boundaries of school districts with 20,000 or more population.
32. (Weiss) Regulates the amount to be paid for advertising delinquent taxes; allowing \$1.20 per folio for first insertion and 60 cents per folio for each subsequent insertion.
33. (Gowdy) By voting to do so, a township having over 1,400 descriptions of property may pay its supervisor a salary of \$1,200 a year.
34. (Culver) Provides for the payment by counties of the burial of deceased soldiers, sailors, marines or army nurses, or the wives or widows of soldiers, sailors or marines honorably discharged.
35. (Lennon) Provides that county boards of supervisors may employ county purchasing agents.
36. (Frick) Relieves the state and counties from the support of dependent aliens who are subject to deportation from the U. S. Given immediate effect.
37. (Weiss) Provides for deputy members of the Industrial Accident Board.

38. (Locke) Repeals the 1917 act requiring registration and licensing of threshing machines and the securing of crop statistics from threshers.
39. (Gowdy) Provides for registering apprentices of licensed embalmers with the state board of health.
40. (Lafont) Provides that not to exceed \$2,000 a year in any one county may be appropriated out of the general fund to advertise the agricultural advantages of the state.
41. (Kirby) Allows citizens of Gobleville, Van Buren county, to vote on changing name of village to Goble.
42. (Farrar) Amends drainage laws to make assessment orders payable on the first day of April.
43. (Evans) Creates a sinking fund for the payment of state good roads bonds by setting aside \$1,200,000 in 1921 and \$1,500,000 a year thereafter.
44. (Ladd) Allows milkweed to be grown for commercial purposes, provided precautions are taken against spreading of seeds to land in vicinity.
45. (Lennon) Includes in state road system parts of roads running through villages.
46. (Ladd) Provides for listing of blooded horses with State Veterinary Board, filing of certificates of breeding and payment of \$5 fee for each stallion.
47. (Dean) Permits school districts of 15,000 to 100,000 population to pay the same rate of interest on bonds as that paid on bonds issued under the provisions of the general school laws.
48. (Dunn) Allows physicians to designate by number instead of by name venereal disease patients on prescriptions issued to them.
49. (Morrison) Authorizes school districts to vote a tax or issue bonds to build or furnish homes for teachers employed in the district.
50. (Horton) Allows bank organized under industrial bank act in town where another bank already has "Industrial Bank" as part of its corporate name to use same other name.
51. (Morrison) Makes it a felony for anyone to assist any patient in a state hospital for the insane to escape.
52. (Weiss) Creates the Department of Labor and Industry and transfers to it the state labor department and other boards, given immediate effect.
53. (Howe) Permits a township that has a high school to pay the expenses of pupils in other high schools if the latter are better suited to their needs.
54. (Reed) Permits third and fourth class school districts to have school boards of seven members.
55. (Copley) Provides for payment by public utility companies of expenses incurred by the Public Utilities Commission in auditing their books or appraising their properties. Given immediate effect.
56. (Culver) Subjects to fine of \$10 or imprisonment for five days election officials absent on election days.
57. (Horton) Amends the standard apple law by adding a class of apples to be known as "Orchard Run" and requiring all grades to be the same general color throughout packages.
58. (Lennon) Provides that certificate of graduation from county normal training schools qualifies holder to teach in rural agricultural schools.
59. (Watson) Transfers title to part of land on which new state office building stands from the public domain commission to the state board of auditors.
60. (Warner) Highway commissioners given power to compel motor trucks of two tons capacity or less not to exceed their prescribed capacity.
- 61-62. (Jerome) Maintenance appropriation for state treasury and Supreme court for next two years.
63. (Lennon) Authorizes the governor to issue a patent to the State Savings Bank of Remus to clear land title.
- 64-65. Maintenance appropriation for circuit judges for next two years.
66. (Watson) Permits spearing of fish from March 1 to May 1 in the St. Joseph river in Howell and St. Joseph counties.
67. (Vine) Establishes county revenue funds for the construction of drains.
68. (Evans) Provides for the annual reimbursement of the state highway fund from the general fund.
69. (Bailey) Provides that a chauffeur who has paid for his chauffeur's license need not also pay for his driver's permit.
70. (Johnson) Defines negligent homicide (including it in the crime of manslaughter) to apply to reckless or speeding drivers of motor cars or trucks; leaves to juries the decision as to illegal speed or recklessness; sets penalty at five years imprisonment, \$1,000 fine, or both.
71. (Glaspie) Provides for deer hunters obtaining licenses from county clerk or game warden to hunt deer between Nov. 10 and Nov. 30, on payment of fee of \$2.50 by residents and \$5.00 by non-residents. Limited to one deer, and cannot buy or sell deer. Licenses must be obtained not earlier than 20 days before season opens.
72. (Lord) Codifies the corporation laws of Michigan.
73. (Coleman) Provides that horse-drawn vehicles must display lights at night, under penalty of \$25 fine or ten days in jail, or both.
74. (McKeon) Amends act for examination of barbers; all barber shops must have hot and cold water connections.
75. (Culver) Abolishes the Michigan community council commission.
76. (W. F. Miller) Reduces the penalty for delinquent taxes to three-fourths of one per cent a month.
77. (Woodruff) Removes restrictions as to use of nets in Cass county and St. Joseph county lakes.
78. (Kirby) Amends highway act so that state public utilities commission shall have supervision over building of roads crossing steam or electric railways.
79. (Rankin) Where a county has voted to adopt the county road system, but for any reason has not put that decision into effect, it may vote on the matter again.
80. (Stevenson) Surety companies may sell stock in shares of from \$25 to \$100 each and may capitalize up to \$2,000,000.
81. (Johnson) Provides for the school census to be taken in every district in the state annually in the month of June.
82. (McKeon) Holds common carriers liable for loss or damage of goods even when occasioned by causes beyond their control if they have been negligent; illegal for them to contract with shippers on limiting their liability.
83. (Case) Provides for publication of 15,000 copies of the legislative manual.
84. (G. H. Miller) Establishes a closed season on fish in Reed and Pisk lakes, Kent county from Nov. 1 to March 31.
85. (Stevenson) Adds stock fire insurance companies to those which may invest up to twenty per cent of their assets in a home office building.
86. (O'Brien) Adds adopting parents to those who may be made beneficiaries of life insurance policies.
87. (Ewing) Provides for classifying epileptics admitted to the state home.
88. (Morrison) Repeals act of 1902 session protecting fish in Brevoort lake.
89. (Coleman) Makes closed season on muskrats and raccoons April 1 to October 31, inclusive; prohibits disturbing their habitations at any time; prohibits use of spears or baited hooks in hunting.
90. (Burnham) Repeals the law providing a bounty on rats.
91. (Culver) Provides that cards of challenges at elections in Detroit must be approved by city election commission.
92. (Culver) Fathers must support all children under the age of 16 years; court may place them on probation to enforce this.
93. (Glaspie) Regulates regulation of passenger rates on interurban railroads with public utilities commission; rates to be

- based on earnings per mile and in no case exceed three cents a mile.
94. (Byrum) Allows state to recover cost of caring for insane person who has estate.
95. (Horton) Establishes as public hunting grounds state-owned swamp lands along the Kalamazoo, Grand and Muskegon rivers.
96. (Glaspie) Makes all wild animals and birds property of state and places under game warden's entire regulation of all hunting and handling of game, hunting to be on permit only and sale of any game prohibited. Penalties for game law violations set at \$50 to \$200 fine and costs, or 60 days to one year in prison, or both.
97. (Town) Permits spearing of pike and suckers during April and May in the Grand river, within Sandstone creek, within Jackson county.
98. (Wade) Prescribes channel for passage of fish at mouth of Kalamazoo river in which use of nets is illegal.
99. (Pitkin) Amends pharmacy act, paying secretary-treasurer of board annual salary of \$1,500 and inspector \$2,500; other employees \$5 a day; requires registering of assistants and apprentices.
100. (Jerome) Maintenance appropriation for Highway Department.
101. (Ramsey) Allows cities to bond for ten per cent of their assessed valuation to acquire and operate public utilities.
102. (Atwood) Amends it unlawful to take bluegills, sunfish, crappies or bass within 40 feet of their beds.
103. Maintenance appropriations for next two years of the State Board of Law Examiners; Board of Examiners for Barbers; State Board of Inspectors and Conservation; Department; Newberry State Hospital; State Board of Accountancy.
104. (Johnson) Provides that highway department of state shall maintain bridges only where they are connecting part of improved road.
105. (Osborn) Requires use of self-sealing devices on bullet boxes after election.
106. (Byrum) Creates the State Welfare Department.
107. (Hunter) Amends conservation department law.
108. (Lennon) County law libraries shall be added to the extent of \$1,500 a year from penal fines in counties of from 75,000 to 500,000 population.
109. (Robinson) Provides that search warrants for liquor law violations shall issue on "good cause"; vehicles and conveniences may be searched under warrants.
110. (W. F. Miller) Portage Lake bridge turned over to state highway department.
111. (Woodruff) Claims commissioners in probate court hearings shall send to all parties interested copy of findings in contested claims cases.
112. (Kirby) Line roads in cities of less than 2,500 population to be under authority of state highway department.
113. (Ramsey) Where school elections and regular elections occur at same time school electors may be registered as such by regular election officers.
114. (Olmsted) Maintenance appropriation for labor department.
115. (Jerome) Appropriates \$6,662 for housing and preserving battle flags carried by Michigan soldiers in wars from 1812 to 1918.
116. (Townsend) Requires the state commissioner of health to keep a register of all births and deaths.
117. (Jerome) Maintenance appropriation for legislature.
118. (Woodruff) Allows school districts to borrow complete school buildings under construction.
119. (Haar) Provides that circuit judges shall sit in sessions in cases from juvenile branch of probate courts.
120. (McDonald-Tufts Act) Gives industrial accident board authority in cases of employees killed outside Michigan where they are residents of the state and contracted within the state for work outside in which they were disabled or killed.
121. (Copley) Brings St. Clair flats watersheds under highway act so that highway funds of township may be used to dredge canals.
122. (Copley) Requires soft drink places to expose view of interiors.
123. (Liddy) Sets fees to be charged in Detroit justice courts.
124. (Robinson) Probate districts may be consolidated by majority vote of electors.
125. (Culver) Re-registrations of voters in township must continue June 1 and continue through June, July and August.
126. (Green) Where land through cemetery is considered for purchase and cemetery may be permitted to take additional land to make up amount lost.
127. (Liddy) Provides for uniformity of statutes of other states that may be used in evidence in Michigan courts.
128. (Liddy) Provides uniformity for the taking of depositions in Michigan for use in courts of other states.
129. (Strom) Provides for registering school bonds.
130. (Byrum) Provides that one year training in normal school will be required after Sept. 1, 1923 for issuance of teachers' certificates, and two years' training in normal school after Sept. 1, 1929.
131. (Hubbard) Requires agricultural fair associations receiving aid from public to make fiscal reports.
132. (Hazard) Provides uniform system of accounting for counties.
133. (Olmsted) Requires railroads to maintain signal lights at all switches.
- 134-142. (Jerome) Maintenance appropriation for next two years of the department of insurance, Military Establishment of Michigan, Mackinac Island State Park Commission.
143. (Town) County clerks, treasurers and registers of deeds who are paid by salaries must turn in to county fund all fees received by them.
144. (Townsend) Provides for payments for drains in Jackson county.
145. (Johnson) Highway department may build bridges over navigable streams.
146. (Lafont) Permits payment of \$3 a day to deputy sheriffs for service in circuit courts.
- 147-152. Maintenance appropriation for next two years of the state board of pharmacy, state public school at Coldwater, attorney general's department, board of registration in medicine, governor's office, Marquette prison.
153. (Horton) Where lands passed both houses, but had not received official enrolled numbers at adjournment time, (McDonald) Requires investments of banks that have less than one million dollars capital.
154. (Brown) Publication of court service not needed for non-resident defendant when he can be served personally.
155. (Fuller) Drains must be asked for by at least one-third of the holders whose land is to be crossed by it.
156. (Kirby) Sets \$25,000 as maximum for arroyo appropriation for any company.
157. (Glaspie) Puts enforcement of game and fish laws under department of conservation.
158. (Olmsted) Allows fishing in Midland county streams in March and April.
159. (Pitkin) Public Utilities commission given authority for regulation of crossings of railway lines by municipal railway lines.
160. (Hopkins) Provides for collection of agricultural statistics by assessing officers.
161. (Glaspie) Omits from present law provision for paroling lifters who have served 25 years.
162. (W. F. Miller) Sets pay of fire wardens at \$3 a day.
163. (Lennon) Hunting permits not needed by residents of Michigan who hunt on their own land.
164. (Lewy) Provides for construction and use of temporary highways.
165. (Hense) Cities may establish boards of public works on 67 per cent vote.
166. (Jewell) Provides regulations for junk dealers.
167. (Robinson) Commercial bakeries or factoring business not permitted to be located in multiple dwellings.
168. (G. H. Miller) Hook and line fishing only, allowed in Grand Rapids.
169. (Woodruff) Hook and line fishing only, allowed in Dutch bay, Lake Huron.
170. (Brown) Prohibits removal of identification marks on rental storage batteries.
171. (C. H. Miller) Drain assessments may be paid in full or may be spread over five years in equal annual installments.
172. (Ramsey) Conveys to state certain lands in Lansing owned by the Industrial School for Boys.
173. (Ramsey) Directs the state military board to turn over lands on Cedar river to the conservation department for a park.
174. (Brown) Provides for a boulevard drive through the land of the state school for the deaf at Flint.
175. (Liddy) The Russell Sage Foundation law governing and limiting interest on loans of \$100 or less to 12 per cent a month.

(Hubbard) District school boards may vote a tax to pay salaries when the district voters neglect to do so.

(Culver) Owners of land on which excavations are made must protect adjoining properties from damage.

(Kirby) Vehicles transporting school children must be provided with conveniences to protect children from bad weather.

(Hunter) Stock in building and loan associations held by women not subject to liability for debts of husbands.

(Robinson) Plans for convicts' asylums, hospitals and jails must be approved by the state fire marshal.

(Gretz) Removes the bounty on weasels, owls and hawks.

(Robinson) Unlawful to sell still or brewing apparatus to persons who intend to use them to make intoxicating liquors.

(Culver) Devotes the remaining funds in the Michigan State Fund to the welfare of sick and disabled world war veterans.

(Struch) In his annual statement each township treasurer must give the names of those persons who purchased dog licenses and the numbers of the licenses issued by him.

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VESTABURG

Mrs. Doris Amel and son, Lynn, and her sister, Mrs. George Harvey, and husband of Chicago accompanied by Mrs. Ellen Nevills, whom they were visiting, autoed to Summer on Thursday to visit relatives and friends.

The Misses Leona and Bessie Dyer, Ella Manley, Lorene Cornell, Callie Beach, Hazel Wilson and Dorothy Custer and Clair Stauffer spent from Wednesday until Friday evening at Stanton where they went to write on teachers' examination.

Mrs. Doris Amel of Chicago, who has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Nevills, and friend, Mrs. Wm. Caris, left for her home Friday. Her son, Lynn, remained to spend the summer with his grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey and the latter's sister who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Nevills, left Friday to auto to their home in Chicago.

Vern Hornbeck of Remus was a Thursday visitor of his brother, Elton Hornbeck.

Mrs. Ed. Evans had a cancer removed from her hand Thursday by Dr. Purdon of Edmore.

Dewitt Murtaugh is remodeling his store and residence.

Mrs. Casper Sutton of Alma was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Wm. Caris and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Skidmore of Greenville spent the latter part of the week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bert Thorp.

Bert Thorp, Sr. and family of Alma were Sunday visitors at the home of their son, Bert.

C. L. Nichols of Riverdale was a business call here Monday.

Mrs. Vern Cook and daughter, spent Tuesday in Edmore.

One hundred attended Sunday school at the Church of Christ Sunday and it is hoped there will be many more in attendance, as a class has been organized for men within the past few weeks and many are attending. All are cordially invited to attend Sunday school and church services.

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