



STATE LAW LIBRARY SERVICES FOR STATE GOVERNMENT

ACCESS:

The [State Law Library](#) is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and staff is available to assist library users with their research. Please contact us at lmlawlib@michigan.gov or by calling **517-335-1480**. Before 10 a.m., please call the Library of Michigan's (LM) main Reference line at **517-335-1477** (also answered on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Additionally, many [LM research databases are available to state employees](#) remotely with an [LM card](#) and PIN.

RESEARCH SERVICES:

The Law Library provides nonpartisan, confidential research and reference services for the Michigan Legislature and state courts and agencies. We utilize materials from the LM's Law, Michigan, and State and Federal Documents Collections to assist state employees with work-related questions. Among the electronic services used are Lexis, Westlaw, and HeinOnline (also freely available to all who visit the Law Library on the 3rd Floor of the LM).

Send your requests or questions to lmlawlib@michigan.gov. You will receive an answer by phone or email, usually within 24 hours (weekends and holidays excluded).

Common requests include legislative history, copies of journal articles, copies of superseded statutes, help with tracking down obscure citations and copies of documents, background information for policy development and constituent requests, information about Michigan government, and research on federal law and laws from other states.

The Law Library has recently opened a [Michigan Legal Help Self-Help Center](#) to provide self-represented litigants with information on simple civil legal matters and access to forms for state court proceedings. Also, many Law Library titles [circulate](#) and are available to all Michigan residents through their local public libraries and [MeL](#).

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TOURS AND ORIENTATION SESSIONS:

The State Law Library began in Detroit in 1828 as the library for the Territorial Council and has been collecting ever since with an eye to providing access to Michigan's complete legal and governmental story. To hear more about these materials, and all that is currently available, contact us to arrange for an individual or group tour or training and orientation sessions.

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