

# MICHIGAN SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Understanding the Process



# RULES OF AUTHORITY

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Every  
Chamber  
Adopts them



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## CHAPTER III – SECTION 8

### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

#### 3.801 AUTHORITY AND PRECEDENCE OF SENATE RULES

a) The principal sources of legal authority for the Senate are, in the order of precedence, as follows:

- 1) Constitutional Rules
- 2) Fundamental Legal Principles
- 3) Statutory Rules
- 4) Adopted Rules
- 5) Adopted Parliamentary Authority (Mason's Manual SR 3.802)
- 6) Parliamentary Law
- 7) Customs and Usages
- 8) Judicial Decisions

# MICHIGAN HOUSE PRACTICE

Practice. Rule 70. In all cases not provided by the Constitution, the House Rules, or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, the authority shall be Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure - most current edition.

# RESOURCES

## Secretary's Staff and Clerk's Staff

### Websites:

[www.senate.mi.gov](http://www.senate.mi.gov)

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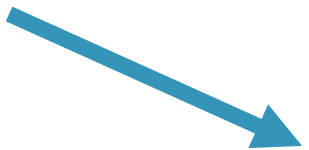
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