

Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission

October 1st, 2020

A motion for compensation of the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission members

Presented on September ---.

Passed on ----.

Motion made by:

Motion Seconded by:

WHEREAS,

The constitution of the state of Michigan, Article IV Section 6 States: Beginning no later than December 1 of the year preceding the federal decennial census, and continuing each year in which the commission operates, the legislature shall appropriate funds sufficient to compensate the commissioners and to enable the commission to carry out its functions, operations and activities, which activities include retaining independent, nonpartisan subject-matter experts and legal counsel, conducting hearings, publishing notices and maintaining a record of the commission's proceedings, *and any other activity necessary for the commission to conduct its business*, at an amount *equal to not less than 25 percent of the general fund/general purpose budget for the secretary of state for that fiscal year*. Within six months after the conclusion of each fiscal year, the commission shall return to the state treasury all moneys unexpended for that fiscal year. The commission shall furnish reports of expenditures, at least annually, to the governor and the legislature and shall be subject to annual audit as provided by law. *Each commissioner shall receive compensation at least equal to 25 percent of the governor's salary*. The State of Michigan shall indemnify commissioners for costs incurred if the legislature does not appropriate sufficient funds to cover such costs.

NOW LET IT BE MOTIONED, Commissioners for the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission will be paid \$2154.00 bi-weekly, *from the starting date of the commission until work of the commission is complete.*

Rational: I believe wording the motion as above would make it so we continue to get compensated after a year passes (IE: the time period between Sep 2021 - Dec 2021 when our work is complete, or beyond if we are tied up in lawsuits after that point) without having to worry about the state final budget renewing at the end of September 2021. This would seemingly solve the issue we talked about last week with the budget renewing every year. \$2154.00 bi-weekly is about equal to 35% of the Govenors Salary, equaling about \$56,000/year.

NOW LET IT BE MOTIONED, Commissioners for the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission will be entitled to reimbursement for resources needed to do their job. This is including, but not limited, to the use of state vehicles, technology support, phone line, email, lodging, per diem, and mileage (if applicable) (in accordance with the DTMB) for use *from the starting date of the commission until work of the commission is complete.* Commissioners can request these reimbursements and resources from the Department of State on an individual basis, as not all of us will need to utilize the same resources to complete our job.

Rational: As it pertains to reimbursement for fees incurred, transportation, and travel: The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget has a PDF of 2020 rates for lodging and per diem. This can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dtmb/FY2021_Rates_702740_7.pdf. Commissioners are a diverse body of individuals at different points in their lives and will therefor likely incur different costs to efficiently do their job. I believe that wording the motion as above would save us valuable time so that we can focus on our mission to create a fair map for our state.

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