

Michigan – State Public Record Laws

Citations	MCL (Michigan Compiled Laws) Sections 15.231 -15.246 (http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S/fwdduxbieks0zjse1bumt45))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-15-231&highlight=freedom%20AND%20of%20AND%20information)
Exemptions to Disclosure	The following records are exempt from disclosure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade secrets • Information that would reveal the exact location of archaeological sites.
Access Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person • Reasonable opportunity for inspection and reasonable facilities for making memoranda or abstracts from records during usual business hours • May make reasonable rules to protect records and prevent excessive and unreasonable interference w/ discharge of entity's functions • Copies furnished upon written request • If fee exceeds \$50, may be required to pay no more than half of the total fee upfront as deposit • Search charge may be reduced or waived if custodian determines would be primarily in public interest • Must be written request • Response to request within 5 business days unless otherwise agreed to in writing; notice of denial, notice of denial in part, notice of extension for not more than 10 business days during which will respond – can't extend response time more than once for any particular request • Written notice of denial must contain explanation of basis for denial under law, if the reason is based on law; certificate that record doesn't exist, if that is the reason for denial; description of record or info on record that is separated or deleted, if record is separation or deletion is made prior to granting request; full explanation of requestor's available remedies • If notice of extension, must give reasons for extension and date by which request will be granted in whole or in part, or denied • If separation is apparent, custodian must describe material exempted unless description would defeat purpose of exemption • Immediate access to certain records under the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act, w/ applicable fees
Destruction of Public Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of agency must maintain retention/disposal schedule listing any record maintained by the agency • Secretary of State has supervisory authority over Michigan Historical Commission in examination of public records of Governor which have been certified as without administrative value [Op.Atty.Gen.1983, No. 6170, p. 156, 1983 WL 174712]