

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION #2018-06

OPPOSING AMENDATORY LEGISLATION TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 93 OF 2013

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 created the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), authorized the MIDC to establish minimum standards for the provision of indigent defense services, mandated compliance plans from all Michigan counties by November 20, 2017 to address the first four indigent defense standards, and mandated that any additional costs required to implement these minimum standards be paid by the state; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Snyder has now proposed a FY19 budget for the state of Michigan, which includes insufficient funding to pay the additional indigent defense expenses that are anticipated in association with implementation of the first four indigent defense minimum standards, as required by Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013; and

WHEREAS, realizing state funding as currently proposed is insufficient and in violation of Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013, the Governor has further proposed amendatory legislation, "to clarify and improve" Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013, which include, among other things, establishing a new minimum local share of indigent defense costs to \$7.25 per capita and requiring that 90 percent of the revenue now collected by counties from partially indigent defendants be remitted to the state to support statewide system costs; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the proposed amendatory changes to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 would result in an increase in expenses to Alger County to provide indigent defense services in compliance the first four standards, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners **hereby opposes** any amendatory legislation to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 that would reduce or eliminate the state of Michigan's fiduciary responsibility to pay any and all additional costs required to implement the minimum indigent defense standards, as presently legislated.

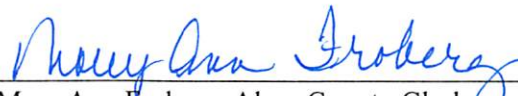
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners remains committed to implementing the new minimum indigent defense standards as mandated by the MIDC, so long as the state of Michigan remains true to its original commitment to pay for any additional costs necessary for their implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, Representative Cambensy, Senator Casperson, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 counties.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: March 19, 2018