

MEMORANDUM



DATE: 9/14/2009
TO: Members of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations
FROM: Robin R. Risko
RE: Executive Order 2009-43

Overview

On September 9, 2009, the Governor issued Executive Order 2009-43, which amends Executive Order 2009-36.

Executive Order 2009-36 abolishes the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries and transfers authority, duties, powers, functions, and responsibilities of various programs to other state departments/agencies.

Executive Order 2009-43 amends Executive Order 2009-36 to ensure that Library of Michigan collections stay intact, electronic services remain available, and that the Michigan Library and Historical Center remain open and accessible. More specifically, the Executive Order requires state departments and agencies to facilitate the continued operation of the Michigan Library and Historical Center and the preservation of the State's important historical resources and library collections.

Comparison between Executive Orders

Specific differences between the Executive Orders are listed below:

State Librarian

- EO 2009-36 abolishes the unclassified position of State Librarian.
- EO 2009-43 abolishes the unclassified position of State Librarian, but requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate a qualified employee of the Department of Education to serve as the State Librarian in a classified position.

Cost-Savings Measures - DNR

- EO 2009-36 requires the Director of the DNR to implement the following cost-savings measures associated with Michigan historical programs: instituting an admission fee for museum facilities and exhibits; eliminating or transferring responsibility for publication of magazines or journals; transferring responsibility for staffing and operation of the museum store; and transferring responsibility for administration of the Michigan Historical markers program.
- EO 2009-43 requires the Director of the DNR to implement cost-savings measures, but expresses that the goal is to include preserving and maintaining public access to all important and unique collections and resources, and lists specific cost-savings measures which may be considered for implementation by the Director.

Cost-Savings Measures - Library of Michigan

- EO 2009-36 requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to implement the following cost-savings measures associated with the Library of Michigan: eliminating or transferring circulation of collections (i.e. Main, Dewey, General Reference collection, Michigan documents collection, and Rare Book collection); eliminating circulation and document delivery for the law collection; suspending or eliminating participation as a participating lending library in MeLCat; and eliminating or transferring the Federal Documents Depository and the non-Michigan Genealogy collection.
- EO 2009-43 requires the Library of Michigan to implement cost-savings measures and requires the focus to be on the provision of leadership and critical services to libraries and patrons throughout the State, including continued support for and availability of Michigan e-library and MeLCat, continued support for effective delivery of statewide library services and resource sharing, and preservation of specific collections maintained by the Library.

Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board

- EO 2009-36 creates the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board as an advisory board within the DNR.
- EO 2009-43 creates the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board as an advisory board within the DNR and specifies tasks of the board to include preserving and maximizing the benefits to the public of the existing Michigan Library and Historical Center and preserving unique historical assets and collections.