

NEW 2012 LAWS AND COURT RULES AT A GLANCE

This document is designed to provide a quick overview of the laws or court rules affecting the criminal justice system in 2012. For the complete text of any law or court rule click on the link.

Effective Date	Public Act or Court Rule No.	Summary	Link
1/1/2012	MCR 2.112, 2.265, 7.206, 7.213	Clarifies the rules for filing actions under the Headlee Amendment.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2010-05_2011-11-10.pdf
1/1/2012	MCR 2.511	Requires the court to remove an unqualified juror without a challenge for cause.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2010-11_2011-10-06_formatted-order_amendment-of-2-511.pdf
1/1/2012	MCR 3.707	Clarifies that the right to challenge a PPO within 14 of issuance only applies to ex parte orders.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2010-17_2011-10-06_formatted-order_amendment-of-3-707.pdf
1/1/2012	MCR 3.915	Specifies that a respondent in a child protective proceeding has the right to appointed counsel at all hearings, including preliminary hearings.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2011-04_2011-10-06_formatted-order_amendment-of-3-915.pdf
1/1/2012	MCR 7.205	Provides as a general rule that the trial court should stay proceedings when a party appeals a decision on the admissibility of evidence.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2008-36_2011-12-08.pdf
1/1/2012	MRE 606	The amendment to MRE 606 precludes questioning a jury about any statements made during deliberations.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2010-12_2011-12-22_order.pdf
1/1/2012	2011 PA 168-169	Makes it a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 2 years and/or a fine of up to \$50,000 to perform a partial birth abortion. MCL 750.90h.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billenrolled/Senate/pdf/2011-SNB-0160.pdf
1/1/2012	2011 PA 201 & 202	Increases the penalties for false pretense violations. If the violation involved \$20,000 to \$50,000 or \$50,000 to \$100,000 the maximum penalty is 15 years. If the violation involved more than \$100,000 the maximum penalty is 20 years. MCL 750.218.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0201.pdf
1/1/2012	2011 PA 202 & 205	Creates the crime of residential mortgage fraud. It is a felony with a penalty of up to 15 years if the amount of fraud was \$100,000 or less, and up to 20 years if the amount was over \$100,000. MCL 750.219d.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0205.pdf

1/1/2012	2011 PA 204 & 208	Makes it a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 4 years and/or fine of up to \$5,000 if a violation of the Michigan Notary Public Act involves a document relating to an interest in real property or a mortgage transaction. MCL 55.309.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0204.pdf
1/1/2012	2011 PA 206 & 207	Creates new forgery and uttering and publishing crimes for deeds, mortgages or any other document that affects an interest in real estate. MCL 750.248b & 750.249b.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0206.pdf
1/1/2012	2011 PA 256-257	Creates the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act allowing the sale, possession and use of federally approved fireworks. MCL 28.451 et.seq.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0256.pdf
4/1/2012	2011 PA 293-296	Requires everyone convicted of a misdemeanor to pay a \$75 victim rights assessment. MCL 780.905.	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billenrolled/Senate/pdf/2011-SNB-0536.pdf
5/1/2012	ADM File No. 2005-05 and 2006-20	The court adopted amendments to MCR 2.403, 2.404, 2.410, 2.411, 2.412, and 3.216.	http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/2005-05&2006-20_2011-12-21_order.pdf
10/12/2012	2011 PA 255	Removes the \$150 driver responsibility fee for operating a vehicle without an operator's license and the \$200 fee for no proof of insurance. MCL 28.732a(2)(c) & (d).	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/publicact/pdf/2011-PA-0255.pdf