

July 17, 2020

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303 and 339.2603:

Michigan Board of Real Estate Appraisers

Mr. Delbert Denkins of 2390 E. Lemon Creek Road, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103, county of Berrien, reappointed to represent certified general real estate appraisers, for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Ms. Jumana Judeh of 19321 Fitzgerald Street, Livonia, Michigan 48152, county of Wayne, succeeding Martin Wagar whose term has expired, appointed to represent certified general real estate appraisers, for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Mr. David M. Mook of 5286 Rose Way Drive, Bay City, Michigan 48706, county of Bay, succeeding Christian Rodriguez whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2024.

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I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303 and 339.2502:

Michigan Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons

Mr. Christopher M. Germain of 317 S. 16th Street, Escanaba, Michigan 49829, county of Delta, succeeding Sara Storch-Lipnitz who has resigned, appointed to represent real estate brokers and salespersons, for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

Mr. Christian Rodriguez of 1259 West Grand River Avenue, Apt. 42D, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, succeeding Patrick Dean who has resigned, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2021.

Ms. Natalie J. Rowe of 3706 Hoover Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008, county of Kalamazoo, reappointed to represent real estate brokers and salespersons, for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Advice and Consent.

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS; STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT
DISCIPLINING AN EMPLOYEE FOR COMMUNICATING WITH A LEGISLATOR**

July 8, 2020

Today I am returning Enrolled Senate Bill 686 to you without my approval.

Our state laws provide robust whistleblower protections and prohibit the State of Michigan from retaliating against an employee for reporting a violation of law. My administration does not intend to change that, and I am committed to protecting whistleblowers and ensuring a safe, transparent state government. My very first executive directive, in fact, directed each department director and autonomous agency head to remind their employees of applicable protections under The Whistleblowers' Protection Act, MCL 15.361 to 15.369 and §§ 2–10 of the rules of the Michigan Civil Service Commission.

Ignoring those existing protections, this legislation aims to score political points by codifying a piece of budget boilerplate that violates the Michigan Constitution. Putting that boilerplate into a standalone bill does nothing to remedy the constitutional defects. Whether and how to discipline employees is a core executive power, entrusted in part to the governor and in part to the Civil Service Commission.

Because this legislation violates both the constitutional separation of powers and article 6, section 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 (detailing the duties of the Civil Service Commission), I am vetoing it.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The bill was returned from the Governor on July 8, 2020, at 12:54 p.m.

The question being on the passage of the bill the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding,

Senator MacGregor moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.