



ICYMI: New Legislation Would Combat “Venue Shopping” in Michigan Courtrooms

Lansing, MICH (Aug 27, 2026) – New legislation introduced in the Michigan State House this week seeks to rein in venue shopping in Michigan courtrooms.

Loopholes in Michigan law allow individuals to “shop” a lawsuit among different courtrooms or counties, even in locations with little to no direct tie to the case itself, hoping to find a judge or jury pool more likely to rule in their favor. This creates greater uncertainty in Michigan courtrooms, contributing to courtroom backlog in targeted venues.

[HB 6268](#) seeks to combat venue shopping in Michigan courtrooms by tying a lawsuit venue to the location where a cause of action arose in the first place, while preserving the right to pursue a different venue based on hardship or inconvenience.

“Venue shopping undermines the fairness and predictability of Michigan’s legal system, enabling bad actors to game the system at the expense of taxpayers seeking justice,” **said Zach Rudat, Director of the Michigan Alliance for Legal Reform.** “Common sense reforms can ensure lawsuits are heard where they belong – before a true jury of peers – protecting litigants and the rule of law while reducing costly delays and uncertainty in our courts.”

The Michigan Alliance for Legal Reform is a coalition of 45 Michigan associations and employers dedicated to reining in lawsuit abuse and restoring balance and fairness in Michigan’s legal system. Learn more at MIAllianceForLegalReform.com.

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