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Title: Electronic Availability of All Governmental Communications

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House Action: **REFER**

Whereas, the Flint water crisis resulted from documented failures of all layers of government agencies and departments to act appropriately in the public’s interest due to and despite inter-departmental and inter-agency communications, and

Whereas, this interdepartmental and inter-agency communication, and lack of it in some cases, contributed to the Flint water crisis, and

Whereas, the lack of public access to government water testing results contributed to the Flint water crisis, and

Whereas, the county of Genesee was forced to request critical information from the state of Michigan pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Michigan has an open meetings law to improve public access to improve the accountability of government, and

Whereas, the lack of communication from the government to the public and medical community contributed to the worsening of the Flint water crisis; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS pursue legislation that would establish that all local, county, and state government communications be made available to the public free of charge and in an electronic format within seven business days of such communication.

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