

HOUSE BILL No. 6190

November 8, 1990, Introduced by Rep. Willis Bullard and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

A bill to amend section 7 of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, entitled

"An act to authorize the incorporation of charter townships; to provide a municipal charter therefor; and to prescribe the powers and functions thereof,"

being section 42.7 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 7 of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of
2 1947, being section 42.7 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 7. (a) The township board shall provide by resolution
5 for the time, date, and place of the board's regular meetings,
6 and shall hold at least 1 regular meeting each month. If a time
7 set for the holding of a regular meeting of the township board is
8 a holiday, then the regular meeting shall be held at the same

1 time and place on the next ~~secular~~ day ~~which~~ THAT is not a
2 SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR holiday.

3 (b) A special meeting of the township board shall be called
4 by the township clerk AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (C) on the writ-
5 ten request of the supervisor or of 2 members of the township
6 board ~~as provided in subdivision (c)~~ and ~~7~~ on at least 24
7 hours written notice to each member of the township board. ~~7~~
8 ~~designating~~ THE NOTICE SHALL DESIGNATE the time, place, and pur-
9 pose of the meeting and SHALL BE served personally or left at the
10 member's usual place of residence by the township clerk or some-
11 one designated by the township clerk.

12 (c) The business ~~which~~ THAT the board may perform shall be
13 conducted at a public meeting of the board held in compliance
14 with THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of
15 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled
16 Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting
17 shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the
18 Public Acts of 1976.

19 (d) Business shall not be transacted at a special meeting of
20 the township board unless the business has been stated in the
21 notice of the meeting. However, if all the members of the board
22 are present at a special meeting, then business ~~which~~ THAT
23 might lawfully come before a regular meeting of the board may be
24 transacted at the special meeting.

25 (e) Four members of the township board ~~shall be~~ ARE a
26 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting, but, in the

1 absence of a quorum, 2 members may adjourn a regular or special
2 meeting to a later date.

3 (f) The township board shall determine its own rules and
4 order of business and shall keep a journal of its proceedings in
5 the English language. ~~which~~ THE JOURNAL shall be signed by the
6 supervisor and the township clerk. The vote upon the passage of
7 an ordinance, and upon the adoption of a resolution and ordinance
8 shall be taken by yes and no votes and shall be entered upon the
9 record, except that where the vote is unanimous, it shall only be
10 necessary to record the vote. ~~Each~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PRO-
11 VIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, A member of the township board who
12 ~~shall be~~ IS recorded as present shall vote on all questions
13 decided by the board unless excused by the unanimous consent of
14 the other members present. IF, AT A MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP
15 BOARD, A MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD STATES THAT HE OR SHE
16 DESIRES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD TO FILL A VACANCY
17 IN A TOWNSHIP OFFICE, THAT MEMBER MAY ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON THE
18 APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY.

19 (G) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
20 or retained by the board in the performance of an official func-
21 tion shall be made available to the public in compliance with THE
22 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of
23 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled
24 Laws.

25 (H) ~~-(g)-~~ The township board, by vote of not less than 2
26 members, may compel the attendance of board members and other
27 officers of the township at a regular or special meeting and

1 enforce orderly conduct in the meeting. A member of the board or
2 any other officer of the township who refuses to attend a meeting
3 or conduct himself OR HERSELF in an orderly manner ~~shall be~~ IS
4 guilty of misconduct in office. The township marshal shall serve
5 as the sergeant-at-arms of the township board in the enforcement
6 of this section.