



**House  
Legislative  
Analysis  
Section**

Olds Plaza Building, 10th Floor  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
Phone: 517/373-6466

**LOCAL APPROVAL TO BUY LAND**

**House Bill 5299**

**Sponsor: Rep. Gary L. Randall**

**Committee: Conservation, Recreation &  
Environment**

**Complete to 12-6-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5299 AS INTRODUCED 10-24-91**

The Michigan natural resources trust fund was established by constitutional amendment in 1984 and implemented by Public Act 101 of 1985 to provide a permanent source of money for land acquisition and for the development of public recreation facilities. The act created a special board to decide which lands and rights in land in the state should be acquired and to make other decisions regarding the use of fund monies, and requires that board decisions on these matters be approved by the legislature.

The bill would amend the act to specify that if real property was proposed to be acquired in a township where the total amount of real property owned by the state there--including that which was to be acquired--exceeded 25 percent of the township's total land area, the real property in question could not be purchased by or on behalf of the state unless the acquisition was approved by majority vote of the township board and the township agreed to the purchase in writing. The bill, however, would not apply to property held by the state for operating a state highway, property that was granted to the state without consideration, property that reverted to the state due to nonpayment of taxes, property that was acquired by the state by means other than direct purchase, or property that was owned by a state university.

**MCL 318.509**

**House Bill 5299 (12-6-91)**