

HOUSE BILL No. 4339

February 20, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Strand and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

A bill to amend the title and section 1 of Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, entitled as amended

"An act to authorize township boards to adopt ordinances and regulations to secure the public health, safety and general welfare; to provide for the establishment of a township police department; to provide for policing of townships by the county sheriff; to provide for the publication of ordinances; to prescribe powers and duties of township boards; to provide penalties; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,"

section 1 as amended by Act No. 78 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 41.181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. The title and section 1 of Act No. 246 of the
2 Public Acts of 1945, section 1 as amended by Act No. 78 of the
3 Public Acts of 1989, being section 41.181 of the Michigan
4 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

1 TITLE

2 An act to authorize township boards to adopt ordinances and
3 regulations to secure the public health, safety and general wel-
4 fare; to provide for the establishment of a township police
5 department; to provide for policing of townships by ~~the county~~
6 ~~sheriff~~ CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES; to pro-
7 vide for the publication of ordinances; to prescribe powers and
8 duties of township boards AND CERTAIN LOCAL AND STATE OFFICERS
9 AND AGENCIES; to provide penalties; and to repeal all acts and
10 parts of acts in conflict therewith.

11 Sec. 1. (1) The township board of a township may, at a reg-
12 ular or special meeting, by a majority of the members elect of
13 the township board, adopt ordinances regulating the public
14 health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property,
15 including, but not limited to, fire protection, licensing or use
16 of bicycles, traffic and parking of vehicles, sidewalk mainte-
17 nance and repairs, the licensing of business establishments, and
18 the licensing and regulating of public amusements, and provide
19 penalties for the violation of the ordinances. The township
20 shall enforce the ordinances and may employ and establish a
21 police department with full power to enforce township ordinances
22 and state laws. If state laws are to be enforced, a township
23 shall have a law enforcement unit or may by resolution appropri-
24 ate funds and call upon the sheriff of the county ~~or department~~
25 ~~of state police or other local law enforcement agency~~ in which
26 the township is located, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE, OR OTHER
27 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY to provide special police protection for

1 the township. The sheriff, department of state police, or other
2 ~~local~~ law enforcement agency shall, if called upon, provide
3 special police protection for the township and enforce local
4 township ordinances, to the extent that township funds are appro-
5 priated for the enforcement. Special township deputies appointed
6 by the sheriff shall be under the jurisdiction of and solely
7 responsible to the sheriff. Ordinances regulating traffic and
8 parking of vehicles and bicycles shall not be in contravention of
9 the Michigan vehicle code, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
10 1949, as amended, being sections 257.1 to 257.923 of the Michigan
11 Compiled Laws.

12 (2) Ordinances enacted may apply to streets, roads, high-
13 ways, or portions of the township determined by the township
14 board or may be limited to specified platted lands within the
15 township, and with respect to these lands ~~shall be~~ ARE valid
16 and enforceable whether the roads and streets have been dedicated
17 to public use or not. Township boards of townships enacting
18 ordinances under this section may accept contributions from duly
19 constituted representatives of the platted lands benefited by the
20 ordinances, to defray administrative and enforcement costs inci-
21 dent to the enactment of ordinances.