

# SENATE BILL No. 734

February 19, 1992, Introduced by Senators HONIGMAN and EHLERS and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Developments.

A bill to amend section 31 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 42.31 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 35.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Section 31 of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of  
2 1947, being section 42.31 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended and section 35 is added to read as follows:

4       Sec. 31. (1) ~~Each~~ A charter township may make, MAINTAIN,  
5 AND OPERATE 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING local or public  
6 improvements: ~~by the~~

7       (A) THE paving of streets ~~which~~ THAT are not a part of the  
8 county highway system. ~~, the~~

1 (B) THE laying of curbs and gutters. ~~the~~

2 (C) THE installing of elevated structures for foot travel  
3 over highways within the township with the written approval of  
4 the director of the state transportation department, if the high-  
5 ways are state highways, or with the written approval of the  
6 board of county road commissioners, if the highways are county  
7 roads. ~~the~~

8 (D) THE laying of sidewalks. ~~the~~

9 (E) THE installation of solid waste disposal systems. ~~steam~~

11 (F) THE generation and distribution ~~the~~ OF STEAM.

12 (G) THE paving of streets ~~which~~ THAT are a part of the  
13 county highway system with the consent of and according to speci-  
14 fications of the BOARD OF county road ~~commission, the~~  
15 COMMISSIONERS.

16 (H) THE laying of storm and sanitary sewers. ~~the~~

17 (I) THE installation of water systems. ~~and the~~

18 (J) THE installation of street and highway lighting  
19 systems. ~~and further may maintain or operate the same.~~

20 (K) THE ACQUISITION OF PARKS.

21 (1) THE ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING FACILITIES.

22 (2) The township board of ~~each~~ A charter township may  
23 determine the necessity of the local or public improvement and  
24 may ~~determine that~~ DEFRAID the whole or any part of the expense  
25 of MAKING, MAINTAINING, OR OPERATING the local or public improve-  
26 ment ~~shall be defrayed~~ by special assessment upon lands  
27 abutting upon ~~and adjacent to~~ or otherwise benefited by the

1 improvement. ~~the~~ THE assessment ~~to~~ SHALL be made in all  
2 respects as provided for the making of special assessments under  
3 Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being sec-  
4 tions 41.721 to ~~41.737~~ 41.738 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.  
5 ~~Each~~ A charter township may borrow money and issue bonds  
6 ~~therefor~~ in anticipation of the payment of special  
7 assessments. ~~which~~ THE BONDS may be an obligation of the  
8 special assessment district or may be both an obligation of the  
9 special assessment district and a general obligation of the  
10 township. ~~which~~ THE bonds shall be issued in accordance with  
11 Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended.

12 SEC. 35. AS USED IN THIS ACT, "PARK" MEANS AN AREA OF LAND  
13 OR WATER, OR BOTH, DEDICATED TO 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING USES:

14 (A) RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
15 LANDSCAPED TRACTS; PICNIC GROUNDS; PLAYGROUNDS; ATHLETIC FIELDS;  
16 CAMPS; CAMPGROUNDS; ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS; SWIMMING,  
17 BOATING, HUNTING, FISHING, AND BIRDING AREAS; AND FOOT, BICYCLE,  
18 AND BRIDLE PATHS.

19 (B) OPEN OR SCENIC SPACE.

20 (C) ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION, NATURE, OR WILDLIFE AREAS.