

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
87TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 1993**

**Introduced by Senators Conroy, Schwarz, Arthurhultz, Cherry, Berryman, Stabenow, Honigman, Hart,  
Kelly, Koivisto and Faxon**

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 357**

AN ACT to amend section 6 of Act No. 139 of the Public Acts of 1973, entitled "An act to provide forms of county government; to provide for county managers and county executives and to prescribe their powers and duties; to abolish certain departments, boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for transfer of certain powers and functions; to prescribe powers of a board of county commissioners and elected officials; to provide organization of administrative functions; to transfer property; to retain ordinances and laws not inconsistent with this act; and to provide methods for abolition of a unified form of county government," as amended by Act No. 100 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 45.556 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 6 of Act No. 139 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended by Act No. 100 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 45.556 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The board may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Establish policies to be followed by the government of the county in the conduct of its affairs and exercise powers and duties vested in boards of county commissioners not inconsistent with this act.

(b) Adopt ordinances and rules necessary for the conduct of county business and exercise other powers in the area of legislation authorized by this act or by law. If a violation of an ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, the ordinance may provide a civil fine for its violation. A violation of an ordinance is a municipal civil infraction only if the ordinance explicitly states that a violation is a municipal civil infraction. As used in this subdivision, "municipal civil infraction" mean that term as defined in section 113 of the revised judicature act of 1961, Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, being section 600.113 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(c) Establish committees of the board necessary for the efficient conduct of business.

(d) Adopt the annual county budget and work program, and adopt, revise, and update a long range capital improvement program and capital budget.

(e) Make appropriations, levy taxes, and incur indebtedness in the manner authorized by law for the carrying out of functions, powers, and duties granted or imposed upon the county or upon an office or department of the county as provided by law.

(f) Establish salaries of elected officials and heads of boards, commissions, and departments, unless otherwise fixed by law, and adopt a classification and pay plan for positions in the county service, which shall provide uniform compensation for like service.

(g) Adopt, following a public hearing, personnel rules governing county employment and operation of a merit system if adopted as provided by law.

(h) Appoint members of a board, commission, or authority.

(i) Appoint, when alternate A of this act is applicable, a county manager to serve as chief administrative officer of the county.

(j) Inquire into and investigate the official conduct and audit the accounts of a county office. For the purpose of an investigation under this act, the board may authorize the chairperson to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of records or other documents that the board considers relevant or material to the inquiry. Before a subpoena is issued, the board shall obtain an order of the circuit court by a showing that there is good cause.

(k) Appoint a staff to assist the board in postaudit and investigative functions.

(l) Appoint necessary personnel to assist the board.

(m) Adopt and revise a comprehensive plan for county development as provided by law.

(n) Adopt and enforce rules establishing and defining the authority, duties, and responsibilities of county departments and offices.

(o) Consolidate county departments or transfer functions from 1 department to another pursuant to section 14.

(p) Enter into agreements with other governmental or quasi-governmental entities for the joint performance of services.

(q) Accept gifts and grants-in-aid from a government or private source.

Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 348 of the 87th Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Co-Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved -----

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Governor.