



# SENATE BILL No. 119

January 13, 1993, Introduced by Senator DI NELLO and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend section 3 of Act No. 156 of the Public Acts of 1851, entitled as amended

"An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act,"

being section 46.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 3 of Act No. 156 of the Public Acts of  
2 1851, being section 46.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 3. (1) A majority of the members of the county board  
5 of commissioners of a county ~~shall~~ constitute a quorum for the  
6 transaction of the ordinary business of the county. ~~and~~ THE  
7 COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE questions ~~which~~  
8 THAT arise at its meetings ~~shall be determined~~ by the votes of

1 a majority of the members present, except upon the final passage  
2 or adoption of a measure or resolution, or the allowance of a  
3 claim against the county, in which case a majority of the members  
4 elected and serving shall be necessary. When taking the yeas and  
5 nays on a question to be voted upon, an electrical roll call  
6 system may be used.

7 (2) The county board of commissioners at its first meeting  
8 ~~in each year~~ shall choose 1 member as chairperson and 1 member  
9 as vice-chairperson FOR THE TERM OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY  
10 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. The chairperson shall preside at a meet-  
11 ing of the board, ~~during the year,~~ if present, but if the  
12 chairperson is absent from a meeting, the vice-chairperson shall  
13 preside. THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, WITH OR WITHOUT  
14 CAUSE, MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON OR  
15 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND CHOOSE A NEW CHAIRPERSON OR  
16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON, WHO SHALL SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.

17 (3) A chairperson may administer an oath to a person con-  
18 cerning a matter submitted to the board or connected with the  
19 discharge of its duties, may issue ~~subpoenas for witnesses~~ A  
20 SUBPOENA FOR A WITNESS, and may compel the attendance of a wit-  
21 ness in the same manner as a court of law.

22 (4) The board may designate 1 member to affix his or her  
23 signature to contracts, bonds, and other documents requiring the  
24 signature of the chairperson, if the chairperson is unable to DO  
25 so ~~do~~ because of illness or other exigency ~~which~~ THAT, in the  
26 opinion of the board, prevents the chairperson from performing  
27 the functions of the office.

1           (5) A member of the board, while a member of the COUNTY  
2 board OF COMMISSIONERS, ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ eligible ~~to~~ FOR  
3 election to any other county office or position ~~, the~~ IF THAT  
4 election ~~of which~~ is within the jurisdiction of the county  
5 board of commissioners.