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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Reps. Llewellyn, Rhead, Dalman and Pitoniak

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4971

AN ACT to amend section 72a of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, entitled as amended "Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties of township officers, and the division of townships," as amended by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 41.72a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 72a of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, as amended by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1989, being section 41.72a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 72a. (1) The township board shall provide by resolution for the time and place of its regular meetings, and shall hold not less than 1 regular meeting every 3 months. If a time set for the holding of a regular meeting of the township board is a holiday, as designated by the township board, the regular meeting shall be held at the same time and place on the next secular day that is not a holiday.

(2) A special meeting of the township board shall be held at a time fixed by the board at a meeting or when the supervisor considers it necessary. Upon call of the supervisor, the township clerk shall give notice of the time and place of the meeting to each member, either in person or by leaving a written notice at the member's address. A special meeting of the township board shall be called by the township clerk upon receiving a written request for the meeting signed by a majority of the township board members.

(3) Business shall not be transacted at a special meeting of the township board unless the business was stated in the notice of the meeting. However, if all the members of the board are present at a special meeting, business which might lawfully come before a regular meeting of the board may be transacted at the special meeting.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), if a township has a taxable value, as calculated under section 27a of the general property tax act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being section 211.27a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, of \$50,000,000.00 or more, the township board, not more than 21 days after a meeting of the board, shall publish the proceedings of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the township. The publication of a synopsis of the proceedings, prepared by the township clerk and approved by the supervisor, showing the substance of each separate proceeding of the board is a sufficient compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

(5) The \$50,000,000.00 amount provided for in subsection (4) shall be adjusted as of January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 1998. The department of treasury shall determine on or before December 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 1997, an adjusted amount for the following year. The adjusted amount for each year shall be determined by comparing the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending the preceding October 31 with the

corresponding consumer price index of 1 year earlier. The percentage increase or decrease shall then be multiplied by the current adjusted amount. The product shall be rounded up to the nearest multiple of \$1,000,000.00 and shall be the new adjusted amount. The department of treasury shall provide the adjusted amount upon request. As used in this section, "consumer price index" means the annual average percentage increase in the Detroit consumer price index for all items as reported by the United States department of labor.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

Governor.