Senate Bill 186 (Substitute S-1 as passed by the Senate)
Sponsor: Senator Dave Jaye
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

Date Completed: 3-25-99

RATIONALE

Public Act 396 of 1994 repealed several Local Acts that prohibited Sunday hunting in Lapeer, Hillsdale, Huron, Lenawee, Macomb, St. Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola, and Washtenaw Counties, subject to voter approval in the respective counties at the next general election or any special election called by the county board of electors. Several counties, including Macomb, failed to submit the question of repealing the ban on Sunday hunting at a general election or special election before the deadline of December 29, 1996, set in Public Act 396. Under Local Act 9 of 1947, a person is subject to a misdemeanor charge and a fine of up to $100 and/or imprisonment in a county jail for up to 90 days for hunting game animals and game birds with firearms or dogs on any Sunday in Macomb County. Since hunting on Sunday currently takes place in Macomb County, it has been suggested that the Local Act should be repealed without local voter approval.

CONTENT

The bill would repeal Local Act 9 of 1947.

ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument
Local Act 9 of 1947, which was established over 50 years ago, currently is not enforced and clearly is outdated. The obsolete law should be removed from the books since hunting on Sundays has become generally accepted.

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: G. Cutler