

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4629

A bill to amend 1846 RS 16, entitled
"Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties
of township officers, and the division of townships,"
by amending section 72a (MCL 41.72a), as amended by 1996 PA 465.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 72a. (1) The township board shall provide by resolu-
2 tion for the time and place of its regular meetings, and shall
3 hold not less than 1 regular meeting every 3 months. If a time
4 set for ~~the holding of~~ a regular meeting of the township board
5 is a holiday, as designated by the township board, the regular
6 meeting shall be held at the same time and place on the next sec-
7 ular day that is not a holiday.

8 (2) A special meeting of the township board shall be held at
9 a time fixed by the board at a meeting or when the supervisor
10 considers it necessary. Upon call of the supervisor, the

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1 township clerk shall give notice of the time and place of the
2 meeting to each member, either in person or by leaving a written
3 notice at the member's address. A special meeting of the town-
4 ship board shall be called by the township clerk upon receiving a
5 written request for the meeting signed by a majority of the town-
6 ship board members.

7 (3) THE SUPERVISOR, IF PRESENT, SHALL BE THE MODERATOR OF A
8 REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. IF THE SUPER-
9 VISOR IS NOT PRESENT, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
10 THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, SHALL ELECT BY VOICE VOTE A MEMBER OF THE
11 TOWNSHIP BOARD AS A MODERATOR OF THE MEETING. THE TOWNSHIP CLERK
12 HAS THE SAME POWERS AND DUTIES AS THE MODERATOR UNTIL A MODERATOR
13 IS CHOSEN.

14 (4) ~~-(3) Business-~~ THE TOWNSHIP BOARD shall not ~~be~~
15 ~~transacted-~~ TRANSACT BUSINESS at a special meeting ~~of the town-~~
16 ~~ship board-~~ unless the business was stated in the notice of the
17 meeting. However, if all the members of the board are present at
18 a special meeting, business ~~which-~~ THAT might lawfully come
19 before a regular meeting of the board may be transacted at the
20 special meeting.

21 (5) ~~-(4)-~~ Subject to subsection ~~-(5)-~~ (6), if a township has
22 a taxable value, as calculated under section 27a of the general
23 property tax act, ~~Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, being~~
24 ~~section 211.27a of the Michigan Compiled Laws-~~ 1893 PA 206, MCL
25 211.27A, of \$50,000,000.00 or more, the township board, not more
26 than 21 days after a meeting of the board, shall publish the
27 proceedings of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation

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1 in the township. The publication of a synopsis of the
2 proceedings, prepared by the township clerk and approved by the
3 supervisor, showing the substance of each separate proceeding of
4 the board is a sufficient compliance with the requirements of
5 this subsection.

6 (6) ~~(5)~~ The \$50,000,000.00 amount provided for in subsec-
7 tion ~~(4)~~ (5) shall be adjusted as of January 1 of each year,
8 beginning January 1, 1998. The department of treasury shall
9 determine on or before December 1 of each year, beginning
10 December 1, 1997, an adjusted amount for the following year. The
11 adjusted amount for each year shall be determined by comparing
12 the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending the pre-
13 ceding October 31 with the corresponding consumer price index of
14 1 year earlier. The percentage increase or decrease shall then
15 be multiplied by the current adjusted amount. The product shall
16 be rounded up to the nearest multiple of \$1,000,000.00 and shall
17 be the new adjusted amount. The department of treasury shall
18 provide the adjusted amount upon request. As used in this sec-
19 tion, "consumer price index" means the annual average percentage
20 increase in the Detroit consumer price index for all items as
21 reported by the United States department of labor.