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SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 4629

(As passed the House, October 20, 1999)

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.