

HOUSE BILL No. 4011

January 13, 1999, Introduced by Rep. Shulman and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy.

A bill to amend 1905 PA 157, entitled

"An act to provide for the acquisition, maintenance, management, and control of township parks, resorts, bathing beaches, and places of recreation; to provide for the creation of a township park commission; to provide for a board of commissioners to provide for the issuance of bonds and the levy of taxes; to provide for the transfer of certain real property for parks; to authorize cities and villages to appropriate money for park purposes; to provide for the acquisition, construction, and use of wharves, piers, docks, and landing places in townships; and to provide the powers and duties of certain local units of government and certain officials,"

by amending section 6 (MCL 41.426), as added by 1989 PA 79.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 6. (1) On receipt of a written petition signed by not
2 less than 8% of the registered voters of a township, the township
3 board of that township, at its first meeting after the receipt of
4 the petition, shall submit the question of establishing a
5 township park commission to the registered voters of the township
6 at the next regular election to be held in the township. If a

1 majority of the ~~electors~~ REGISTERED VOTERS voting on the
2 question vote in favor of establishing a TOWNSHIP park commis-
3 sion, the township board shall appoint ~~a township park commis-~~
4 ~~sion of 6 members.~~ THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO A TOWNSHIP
5 PARK COMMISSION:

6 (A) BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT
7 ADDED SUBSECTION (3), 6 MEMBERS.

8 (B) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT
9 THAT ADDED SUBSECTION (3), AN ODD NUMBER OF MEMBERS NOT FEWER
10 THAN 5 AS DETERMINED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

11 (2) The members APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) shall
12 serve until the next township election at which township officers
13 are elected. At the next township election at which township
14 officers are elected, ~~6~~ THE NUMBER OF members of the township
15 park commission AS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) shall be
16 elected for terms of 4 years each.

17 (3) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT
18 THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, A TOWNSHIP BOARD SHALL INCREASE OR
19 DECREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF AN EXISTING TOWNSHIP PARK COM-
20 MISSION IN CONFORMITY WITH SUBSECTION (1)(B). IF THE TOWNSHIP
21 BOARD INCREASES THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP PARK COM-
22 MISSION BOARD, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD SHALL APPOINT THE ADDITIONAL
23 MEMBERS WHO SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT TOWNSHIP ELECTION AT WHICH
24 TOWNSHIP OFFICERS ARE ELECTED. IF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DECREASES
25 THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION BOARD, THE
26 MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION THEN SERVING SHALL REMAIN

1 IN OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT TOWNSHIP ELECTION AT WHICH TOWNSHIP
2 OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

3 (4) A VACANCY IN THE TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION SHALL BE
4 FILLED BY APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR THE UNEXPIRED
5 PORTION OF THE TERM.