

**SENATE BILL NO. 45**

January 26, 1999, Introduced by Senator BULLARD and referred  
to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

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; to provide the powers and duties of certain local units of government and certain officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,"

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

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 6. On receipt of a written petition signed by not less  
2 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 commission  
4 of ~~6~~ 7 members. The members shall serve until the next town-  
5 ship election at which township officers are elected. At the  
6 next township election at which township officers are elected,  
7 ~~6~~ 7 members of the township park commission shall be elected  
8 for terms of 4 years each. A VACANCY IN THE TOWNSHIP PARK COM-  
9 MISSION SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL  
10 APPOINTMENT.