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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 1999**

**Introduced by Reps. Jamnick, Julian, Lockwood, Minore, Reeves, Tabor, Gilbert, Hager, DeWeese,
Vander Roest and Bishop**

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5009

AN ACT to amend 1909 PA 278, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages and for revising and amending their charters; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes, borrowing of money, and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to validate bonds issued and obligations previously incurred; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 23 (MCL 78.23), as amended by 1982 PA 373.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 23. Each village charter shall provide for all of the following:

(a) The election of and compensation for a president who shall be the executive head, a clerk, and a legislative body. An election may be by a partisan, nonpartisan, or preferential ballot or by any other legal method of voting.

(b) The election or appointment of other officers or administrative boards considered necessary.

(c) The levying and collection of village taxes.

(d) That the subjects of taxation for municipal purposes shall be the same as for state, county, and school purposes under the general law.

(e) An annual appropriation of money for municipal purposes.

(f) The public peace and health, and for the safety of persons and property.

(g) One or more election districts; the time, place, and means of holding elections; and the registration of electors.

(h) Keeping in the English language a written or printed journal of proceedings of the legislative body.

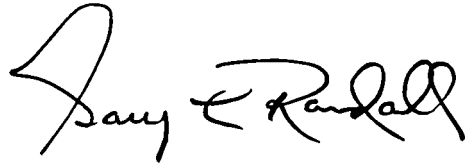
(i) The publication of an ordinance or a synopsis of an ordinance before the ordinance becomes operative. Any charter provision to the contrary notwithstanding, a village may adopt an ordinance punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both, if the violation substantially corresponds to a violation of state law that is a misdemeanor for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days. Whether or not provided in its charter, a village may adopt a provision of any state statute for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days, the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, or a plumbing code, electrical code, or building code that has been promulgated by this state, by a department, board, or other agency of this state, or by an organization or association that is organized and conducted for the purpose of developing that code, by making reference to that law or code in an adopting ordinance without publishing that law or code in full. The law or code shall be clearly identified in the ordinance, and a statement of the purpose of the law or code shall be published with the adopting ordinance. Printed copies of the law or code shall be kept in the office of the village clerk and made available to the public at all times. The publication shall contain a notice stating that a complete copy of the law or code is available to the public at the office of the village clerk.

(j) That the business of the legislative body shall be conducted at a public meeting of the body held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, and all records of the municipality shall be available to the public under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(k) Adopting, continuing, amending, or repealing village ordinances.

(l) A system of accounts that conforms to a uniform system required by law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved _____

Governor.