

Act No. 351
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
91ST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2002**

Introduced by Rep. Patterson

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5711

AN ACT to amend 1915 PA 59, entitled "An act to provide for the construction, improvement and maintenance of highways; for the levying, spreading and collecting of taxes and of special assessments therefor; to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuance of bonds under certain restrictions, regulations and limitations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain officers with reference thereto; and to validate certain proceedings heretofore taken," by amending sections 34, 35, and 67 (MCL 247.434, 247.435, and 247.467).

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

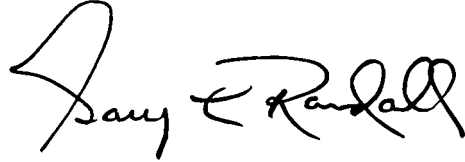
Sec. 34. If any tax assessed under this act is rejected because of an error in the description of the premises sought to be charged, the tax shall be ordered charged back by the board of supervisors, and reassessed upon the lands in the same manner that unpaid or rejected taxes may be charged back by the state treasurer and reassessed under the general provisions of law applicable to state, county, and township taxes.

Sec. 35. If 2 or more parcels of land owned by different persons are assessed as 1 parcel and the frontage of the different parcels upon the improvement are not relatively the same, then upon discovery of the error the county road commissioners or the department of transportation, or any 1 of the several owners, may require the county road commissioners or the state highway commissioner to apportion this tax between the several parcels, upon the principle of benefits derived. The county road commissioners or the department of transportation shall give the parties in interest 5 days' notice of their hearing, by posting a notice of the hearing in a conspicuous place on each of such premises. On apportioning the tax as provided in this section, the county road commissioners or the department of transportation shall change their roll accordingly, and if any rolls have been delivered to the county or township clerks, or to collecting officers, shall certify the change to them. The county or township clerk or other collecting officer shall correct the roll in their hands, and collection shall be made accordingly. This change may be made at any time before final decree is taken by the state treasurer for the sale of the lands for delinquent taxes.

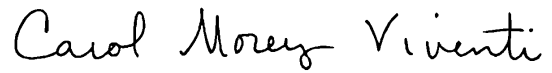
Sec. 67. A tax assessed under this act upon any property or sale of the property shall not be held invalid by any court of this state on account of any irregularity in any assessment, or on account of any tax roll not having been made, or proceeding had within the time required by law, or on account of the property having been assessed without the name of the owner, or in the name of any person other than the owner, or on account of any other irregularity, informality, omission, or want of any matter or form or substance in any proceeding that does not prejudice the property rights of the person whose property is taxed. All proceedings in assessing and levying taxes, and in the sale and conveyance therefor, shall be presumed by all the courts of this state to be legal until the contrary is affirmatively shown. All records, statements and certificates provided for under this act shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein set forth. The absence of any record of any proceeding or proceedings, or the omission of any mention in any record of any vote or proceeding, or mention of any matter in any statement or certificate that should appear therein

under this act, does not affect the validity of any proceeding, tax, or title thereon, if the fact that the vote or proceeding was had or tax authorized is shown by any other record, statement or certificate made evidence by the terms of this act or any other law of this state. A tax or sale of property for any tax shall not be rendered or held invalid by showing that any record, statement, affidavit, certificate, paper, or return cannot be found in the proper office. Unless the contrary is affirmatively shown, the presumption shall be that the record was made, and that the certificate, statement, affidavit, paper, or return was duly made and filed. If any statement, certificate, or record is required to be made or signed by the county road commissioners, that statement, certificate, or record may be made and signed by the members of the commission, or a majority of them, and it is not necessary that other members be present when each signs the statement, certificate, or record. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize any showing impeaching the validity of any deed executed by the state treasurer under this act, but the deed shall be held absolute and conclusive as provided in general tax laws of this state.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved _____

Governor.