

HOUSE BILL No. 4110

January 24, 2007, Introduced by Rep. LaJoy and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

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 1999 PA 198.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 72a. (1) The township board shall provide by resolution
2 for the time and place of its regular meetings, and shall hold not
3 less than 1 regular meeting every 3 months. If a time set for a
4 regular meeting of the township board is a holiday, as designated
5 by the township board, the regular meeting shall be held at the
6 same time and place on the next secular day that is not a holiday.

7 (2) A special meeting of the township board shall be held at a
8 time fixed by the board at a meeting or when the supervisor
9 considers it necessary. Upon call of the supervisor, the township

1 clerk shall give notice of the time and place of the meeting to
2 each member, either in person or by leaving a written notice at the
3 member's address. A special meeting of the township board shall be
4 called by the township clerk upon receiving a written request for
5 the meeting signed by a majority of the township board members.

6 (3) The supervisor, if present, shall be the moderator of a
7 regular or special meeting of the township board. If the supervisor
8 is not present, the township board, under the direction of the
9 township clerk, shall elect by voice vote a member of the township
10 board as a moderator of the meeting. The township clerk has the
11 same powers and duties as the moderator until a moderator is
12 chosen.

13 (4) The township board shall not transact business at a
14 special meeting unless the business was stated in the notice of the
15 meeting. However, if all the members of the board are present at a
16 special meeting, business that might lawfully come before a regular
17 meeting of the board may be transacted at the special meeting.

18 (5) Subject to subsection ~~(6)~~-(7), if a township has a taxable
19 value, as calculated under section 27a of the general property tax
20 act, 1893 PA 206, MCL ~~211.27A~~-211.27A, of \$50,000,000.00 or more,
21 the township board, not more than 21 days after a meeting of the
22 board, shall ~~publish~~-**DO 1 OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

23 (A) **PUBLISH** the proceedings of the meeting in a newspaper of
24 general circulation in the township.

25 (B) **POST THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING ON THE TOWNSHIP**
26 **WEBSITE IF THE TOWNSHIP HAS DETERMINED THAT A MAJORITY OF ITS**
27 **RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.**

1 (6) The publication **OR POSTING** 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 ~~this~~
5 subsection (5).

6 (7) ~~(6)~~—The \$50,000,000.00 amount provided for in subsection
7 (5) shall be adjusted as of January 1 of each year, beginning
8 January 1, 1998. The department of treasury shall determine on or
9 before December 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 1997, an
10 adjusted amount for the following year. The adjusted amount for
11 each year shall be determined by comparing the consumer price index
12 for the 12-month period ending the preceding October 31 with the
13 corresponding consumer price index of 1 year earlier. The
14 percentage increase or decrease shall then be multiplied by the
15 current adjusted amount. The product shall be rounded up to the
16 nearest multiple of \$1,000,000.00 and shall be the new adjusted
17 amount. The department of treasury shall provide the adjusted
18 amount upon request. As used in this ~~section~~**SUBSECTION**, "consumer
19 price index" means the annual average percentage increase in the
20 Detroit consumer price index for all items as reported by the
21 United States department of labor.