HOUSE BILL No. 6437

September 10, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Bauer, Byrnes, Alma Smith, Warren, Angerer, Griffin, Valentine, Kathleen Law, Sheen, Stahl, Emmons, DeRoche, Schuitmaker, Sak, Jackson, Ebli, Byrum, Dean, Meadows and Clemente and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7g (MCL 211.7g), as added by 1980 PA 142.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7q. (1) Real estate not to exceed 400 acres of land in 2 this state EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3), 3 REAL PROPERTY owned by a boy or girl scout or camp fire girls 4 organization, a 4-H club or foundation, or a young men's Christian 5 association or young women's Christian association is exempt from 6 taxation THE COLLECTION OF TAXES under this act, if at least 50% of 7 the membership MEMBERS of the association or organization are 8 residents of this state. , but upon
 - (2) THE EXEMPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IS LIMITED AS FOLLOWS:
 - (A) BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2009, NOT TO EXCEED 400 ACRES FOR EACH

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- 1 INDIVIDUAL BOY OR GIRL SCOUT OR CAMP FIRE GIRLS ORGANIZATION, 4-H
- 2 CLUB OR FOUNDATION, OR YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OR YOUNG
- 3 WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
- 4 (B) AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2008, NOT TO EXCEED 640 ACRES FOR EACH
- 5 INDIVIDUAL BOY OR GIRL SCOUT OR CAMP FIRE GIRLS ORGANIZATION, 4-H
- 6 CLUB OR FOUNDATION, OR YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OR YOUNG
- 7 WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, IF A BOY OR GIRL SCOUT OR
- 8 CAMP FIRE GIRLS ORGANIZATION, A 4-H CLUB OR FOUNDATION, OR A YOUNG
- 9 MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OR YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
- 10 REORGANIZES, MERGES, AFFILIATES, OR IN SOME OTHER MANNER
- 11 CONSOLIDATES WITH ANOTHER BOY OR GIRL SCOUT OR CAMP FIRE GIRLS
- 12 ORGANIZATION, 4-H CLUB OR FOUNDATION, OR YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN
- 13 ASSOCIATION OR YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, THE TOTAL
- 14 EXEMPTION AVAILABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL BE THE COMBINED
- 15 TOTAL OF EACH 640-ACRE EXEMPTION THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL BOY OR GIRL
- 16 SCOUT OR CAMP FIRE GIRLS ORGANIZATION, 4-H CLUB OR FOUNDATION, OR
- 17 YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OR YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN
- 18 ASSOCIATION WAS ENTITLED TO PRIOR TO THE REORGANIZATION, MERGER,
- 19 AFFILIATION, OR CONSOLIDATION.
- 20 (3) UPON petition of the association or organization the
- 21 county board of commissioners may waive the residence requirement
- 22 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) while THE REAL PROPERTY IS occupied by the
- 23 association or organization solely for the purpose for which the
- 24 association or organization was incorporated or established.