

HOUSE BILL No. 6372

August 18, 2010, Introduced by Rep. Ball and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 1970 PA 169, entitled
"Local historic districts act,"
by amending section 4 (MCL 399.204), as amended by 1992 PA 96.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 4. The legislative body of a local unit may establish by
2 ordinance a commission to be called the historic district
3 commission. The commission may be established at any time, but not
4 later than the time the first historic district is established by
5 the legislative body of the local unit. Each member of the
6 commission shall reside **OR OWN OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY** within the
7 local unit. The membership of the historic district commission in a
8 local unit having a population of 5,000 or more individuals shall
9 consist of not less than 7 or more than 9 members. The membership

1 of the historic district commission in a local unit having a
2 population of less than 5,000 individuals shall consist of not less
3 than 5 or more than 7 members. A majority of the members shall have
4 a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic
5 preservation. The members shall be appointed by the township
6 supervisor, village president, mayor, or chairperson of the board
7 of commissioners, unless another method of appointment is provided
8 in the ordinance creating the commission. Initial members shall be
9 appointed within 6 months after the ordinance establishing the
10 commission is enacted. Members shall be appointed for 3-year terms
11 except the initial appointments of some of the members shall be for
12 less than 3 years so that the initial appointments are staggered
13 and that subsequent appointments do not recur at the same time.
14 Members shall be eligible for reappointment. A vacancy on the
15 commission shall be filled within 60 calendar days by an
16 appointment made by the appointing authority. The ordinance
17 creating the commission may provide procedures for terminating an
18 appointment due to the acts or omissions of the member. The
19 appointing authority of a local unit having a population of 25,000
20 or more individuals shall appoint at least 2 members from a list of
21 ~~citizens~~ **INDIVIDUALS** submitted by 1 or more duly organized local
22 historic preservation organizations. A local unit having a
23 population of more than 5,000 individuals but less than 25,000
24 individuals shall appoint at least 1 member from a list of ~~citizens~~
25 **INDIVIDUALS** submitted by 1 or more duly organized local historic
26 preservation organizations. ~~The A commission of all local units~~
27 shall include as a member, if available, a graduate of an

1 accredited school of architecture who has 2 years of architectural
2 experience or who is an architect registered in this state. This
3 section does not apply to historic district commissions established
4 by charter or to historic district commissions established by
5 ordinance before August 3, 1970.