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Introduced by Senators Kowall and Jones

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1117

AN ACT to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled “An act to codify the laws relating to the laying out of drainage districts, the consolidation of drainage districts, the construction and maintenance of drains, sewers, pumping equipment, bridges, culverts, fords, and the structures and mechanical devices to properly purify the flow of drains; to provide for flood control projects; to provide for water management, water management districts, and subdistricts, and for flood control and drainage projects within drainage districts; to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes; to provide for the investment of funds; to provide for the deposit of funds for future maintenance of drains; to authorize public corporations to impose taxes for the payment of assessments in anticipation of which bonds are issued; to provide for the issuance of bonds by drainage districts and for the pledge of the full faith and credit of counties for payment of the bonds; to authorize counties to impose taxes when necessary to pay principal and interest on bonds for which full faith and credit is pledged; to validate certain acts and bonds; and to prescribe penalties,” by amending section 464 (MCL 280.464), as amended by 1989 PA 134.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 464. (1) A drainage board is created for each project petitioned for under this chapter. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the drainage board shall consist of the drain commissioner of the county, the chairperson of the county board of commissioners, and the chairperson of the board of county auditors. If there is no board of county auditors in the county, then the chairperson of the finance committee of the county board of commissioners shall be a member of the drainage board. If there is neither a board of county auditors nor finance committee, then the chairperson of the county board of commissioners shall select from time to time 1 member of the county board of commissioners to be a member of the drainage board. If a member of the drainage board who is a member of the county board of commissioners, as provided in this section or section 487, is interested in a project petitioned for under this chapter, by reason of his or her holding an elected or appointed office in a public corporation to be assessed for the cost of the project, he or she is disqualified to act as a member of the drainage board with respect to the project. In that case the vice-chairperson or chairperson pro tempore of the county board of commissioners or of the finance committee of the county board of commissioners, if not also disqualified, shall act as the member. If the vice-chairperson or chairperson pro tempore is disqualified, the drain commissioner of the county shall designate a member of the county board of commissioners who is not disqualified to act as a member of the drainage board for the project. The chairperson of the county board of commissioners and any member of a county board of commissioners serving on the drainage board shall receive the compensation, mileage, and expenses as provided by the drainage board. However, compensation paid to a member shall not exceed \$25.00 per diem, exclusive of mileage and expenses, for attendance at drainage board meetings. The county drain commissioner shall be chairperson of the drainage board. The chairperson shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the drainage board and all records and files of the board shall be kept in his or her office. In counties of less than 500,000 population, the commissioner shall be paid the same compensation as other members of the drainage board.

(2) If a county is organized under a charter adopted under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to 45.521, and the charter prescribes an elected county executive, the drainage board shall consist of the following members:

(a) The person designated by the charter to carry out the administrative duties of the drain commissioner or that person's designee, who shall also serve as chairperson of the drainage board.

(b) The county commissioner whose district will be assessed for the greatest portion of the cost of the project, or that county commissioner's designee. The determination of which county commissioner is qualified to sit under this subdivision shall initially be made by the chairperson of the drainage board when the petition for the project is filed. After the final order of apportionment is issued under section 469, the county commissioner who qualifies under this section shall become the county commissioner member and serve until another apportionment is established requiring the seating of another commissioner.

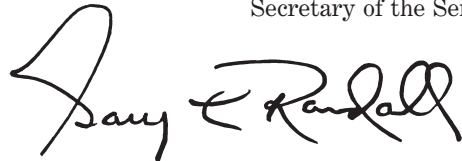
(c) A person appointed by the county executive with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the county board of commissioners elected or appointed and serving.

(3) In a county described in subsection (2), the requirements in this chapter for substantive actions and determinations shall be followed in administering each project petitioned for under this chapter, subject to and in accordance with any applicable provisions of the county charter.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor