SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6375

A bill to amend 1956 PA 40, entitled
"The drain code of 1956,"
by amending sections 395, 478, and 530 (MCL 280.395, 280.478, and 280.530).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 395. (1) The county drain commissioner OR THE INTERCOUNTY
- 2 DRAINAGE BOARD may relinquish jurisdiction and control to a COUNTY,
- 3 township, city, or village, AUTHORITY, OR BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD
- 4 COMMISSIONERS OR TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
- 5 JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF ALL OR PART of any county drainage
- 6 district upon which there is OR INTERCOUNTY DRAIN IF ALL OF THE
- 7 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:
- 8 (A) THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS no outstanding indebtedness or
- 9 contract liability. and which INDEBTEDNESS OR CONTRACT LIABILITY

- 1 THAT WILL BE PAID IN FULL WHEN JURISDICTION AND CONTROL IS
- 2 RELINQUISHED IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE OUTSTANDING.
- 3 (B) THE DRAIN OR PART OF THE DRAIN TO BE RELINQUISHED AND THE
- 4 AREA THE DRAIN OR PART OF THE DRAIN SERVICES is wholly located
- 5 within the boundaries of a THE COUNTY, township, city, or village,
- 6 OR AUTHORITY OR WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE BOARD OF
- 7 COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OR THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
- 8 THAT IS TO ACCEPT JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF THE DRAIN OR PART OF
- 9 THE DRAIN. , and thereafter the
- 10 (C) THE RELINQUISHMENT IS APPROVED BY BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 11 (i) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
- 12 COMMISSIONERS FOR A COUNTY DRAIN OR OF THE DRAINAGE BOARD FOR AN
- 13 INTERCOUNTY DRAIN.
- 14 (ii) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, CITY,
- 15 VILLAGE, OR AUTHORITY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS, OR
- 16 THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, THAT IS TO
- 17 ACCEPT JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF THE DRAIN OR PART OF THE DRAIN.
- 18 IF RELINQUISHMENT OF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL IS TO A COUNTY, THE
- 19 RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY SHALL SPECIFY THE
- 20 COUNTY AGENCY, SUCH AS BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROAD DEPARTMENT, OR
- 21 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, THAT SHALL BE THEREAFTER
- 22 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL.
- 23 (2) UPON RELINOUISHMENT OF ALL OR PART OF A DRAIN UNDER
- 24 SUBSECTION (1), THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 25 (A) THE county drain commissioner shall be OR DRAINAGE BOARD
- 26 IS relieved of, and the COUNTY, township, city, or village, BOARD
- 27 OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS, OR AUTHORITY OR THE STATE

- 1 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT shall assume, the maintenance,
- 2 jurisdiction, control, and operation thereof OF THE DRAIN OR PART
- 3 OF THE DRAIN RELINQUISHED and its future operation shall be
- 4 financed in the same manner as is provided for special assessment
- 5 districts within such THE COUNTY, township, city, or village OR AS
- 6 OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW. : Provided, That such proceeding shall
- 7 have first been approved by a majority of the members elect of the
- 8 county board of supervisors and by the resolution of the governing
- 9 body of the township, city or village in which such drain is
- 10 located.
- 11 Any money which shall be in the drain fund of any such
- 12 drainage district at the time jurisdiction over it is transferred
- 13 as provided in this section shall be distributed in the same manner
- 14 as is provided in sections 391 to 394, inclusive, of this act in
- 15 the case of abandoned or vacated drains.
- 16 (B) IF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL IS RELINQUISHED OVER ALL OF A
- 17 DRAIN, ANY MONEY IN THE DRAIN FUND OF THE DRAIN SHALL BE TURNED
- 18 OVER TO THE COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, CITY, VILLAGE, AUTHORITY, OR BOARD OF
- 19 COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OR TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
- 20 THAT ACCEPTED JURISDICTION AND CONTROL, TO BE USED SOLELY WITH
- 21 RESPECT TO THAT DRAIN.
- 22 Sec. 478. (1) The drainage board for each project shall
- 23 continue in existence with such changes in personnel as shall THAT
- 24 result from changes in the officers constituting the board
- 25 membership. It shall be THE DRAINAGE BOARD IS responsible for the
- 26 operation and maintenance of the drain.
- 27 (2) Any necessary expenses incurred in administration and in

- 1 the operation and maintenance of the drain and not covered by
- 2 contract shall be paid by the several public corporations assessed
- 3 for the cost of the drain. The assessments shall be in the same
- 4 proportion as the cost of the drain was assessed unless the
- 5 drainage board establishes a different proportion for the
- 6 assessments after notice and hearing as provided in section 469.
- 7 (3) The drainage board, by resolution, duly adopted by it, may
- 8 relinquish jurisdiction and control over all or any part of a drain
- 9 or drain project at any time when IF there is no outstanding
- 10 indebtedness or contract liability of its drainage district. τ
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- 22 adopted by OF its governing body. Indebtedness or contract
- 23 liability of any drainage district which THAT will be paid in full
- 24 at the time of consummation of relinquishment of WHEN jurisdiction
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- 2 drain commissioner, board of county road commissioners, DEPARTMENT,
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- 12 DEPARTMENT to be used solely with respect to the drain , all or
- 13 part thereof, over which jurisdiction and control is assumed.
- 14 (5) If the relinquishment of jurisdiction and control and the
- 15 turnover of drain fund relates to a part of a drain or drain
- 16 project, such THE relinquishment and turnover shall DOES not become
- 17 effective until consented to by resolution of the governing body of
- 18 each public corporation which THAT has paid a part of the cost of
- 19 the drain or drain project. 7 and for this purpose the board of
- 20 county road commissioners and the state highway commission shall be
- 21 deemed to be the governing body for the county and the state.
- 22 Sec. 530. (1) The drainage board for each project shall
- 23 continue in existence with such changes in personnel as shall THAT
- 24 result from changes in the offices of director of THE DEPARTMENT OF
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- 24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 25 after the date it is enacted into law.