

# SENATE BILL No. 688

November 28, 1989, Introduced by Senators CROPSEY,  
BARCIA, WELBORN, SHINKLE and POSTHUMUS and referred  
to the Committee on Local Government and Veterans.

A bill to amend chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846,  
entitled

"Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties  
of township officers, and the division of townships,"

as amended, being sections 41.1a to 41.110c of the Michigan  
Compiled Laws, by adding section 2a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, as  
2 amended, being sections 41.1a to 41.110c of the Michigan Compiled  
3 Laws, is amended by adding section 2a to read as follows:

4 SEC. 2A. (1) A TOWNSHIP MAY CONTROL, MAINTAIN, AND REGULATE  
5 THE USE OF COUNTY PRIMARY AND LOCAL ROADS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES  
6 OF THE TOWNSHIP.

7 (2) FOR PURPOSES UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE TOWNSHIP MAY DO  
8 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (A) RECEIVE GIFTS; CONTRIBUTIONS; AND STATE, FEDERAL, AND  
2 COUNTY FUNDS AND GRANTS.

3 (B) APPLY FOR FUNDS AND GRANTS.

4 (C) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES OR PRIVATE  
5 PERSONS FOR THE GRADING, MAINTENANCE, GRUBBING AND CLEANING,  
6 PAVING, CONSTRUCTION, AND REBUILDING OF ROADS AND SNOW REMOVAL  
7 FROM ROADS.

8 (D) ESTABLISH A HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE FOR CREWS,  
9 EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES FOR THE DESIGNING, ENGINEERING, CON-  
10 STRUCTION, REBUILDING, RELOCATING, AND MAINTAINING HIGHWAYS,  
11 STREETS, AND ALLEYS AND SNOW REMOVAL FROM HIGHWAYS, STREETS, AND  
12 ALLEYS.

13 (E) EXERCISE ANY OTHER DUTIES AND AUTHORITY POSSESSED BY  
14 COUNTIES OVER THE COUNTY PRIMARY AND LOCAL ROADS.

15 (F) CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR  
16 PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES.

17 (3) IF A TOWNSHIP ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL, MAIN-  
18 TAIN, AND REGULATE THE USE OF A COUNTY PRIMARY OR LOCAL ROAD  
19 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE TOWNSHIP SHALL NOT SURRENDER THAT RESPON-  
20 SIBILITY TO THE COUNTY FOR 3 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE  
21 TOWNSHIP'S ASSUMPTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY, UNLESS THE SURRENDER  
22 OF THE RESPONSIBILITY IS AGREED TO BY THE TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY.  
23 AFTER A TOWNSHIP SURRENDERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A COUNTY PRI-  
24 MARY OR LOCAL ROAD TO A COUNTY, THE TOWNSHIP SHALL NOT AGAIN  
25 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OVER THAT ROAD FOR 3 YEARS AFTER THE DATE  
26 OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SURRENDER OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COUNTY,  
27 UNLESS THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY IS AGREED TO BY THE

1 TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY. BEFORE SURRENDERING TO THE COUNTY  
2 RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL, MAINTAIN, AND REGULATE THE USE OF A  
3 COUNTY PRIMARY OR LOCAL ROAD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE TOWNSHIP  
4 SHALL BRING THE ROAD UP TO REASONABLE, ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS AS  
5 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(2) OF ACT NO. 296 OF THE  
6 PUBLIC ACTS OF 1969, BEING SECTION 247.858 OF THE MICHIGAN  
7 COMPILED LAWS.