

SENATE BILL No. 706

November 30, 1989, Introduced by Senators CROPSEY,
WELBORN, GEAKE, CARL and DI NELLO and referred
to the Committee on Local Government and Veterans.

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 16 of the Revised
Statutes of 1846, entitled as amended

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

as amended by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1989, being sec-
tion 41.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes
2 of 1846, as amended by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1989,
3 being section 41.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 8. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
6 an annual meeting of the electors of each township shall be held
7 on the last Saturday in the last month of each fiscal year, at
8 the time and place selected by the township board. However, the

1 annual meeting may be held on an alternate date if the alternate
2 date is approved by a majority of the township board and is in
3 the last month of the township's fiscal year.

4 (2) The business performed at a meeting of the electors of a
5 township shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compli-
6 ance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts
7 of 1976, as amended, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the
8 Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and
9 place of the meeting shall be given by the township clerk in the
10 manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as
11 amended, and as provided by section 2 of Act No. 43 of the Public
12 Acts of the Second Extra Session of 1963, being section 141.412
13 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, except as provided in subsection
14 (3).

15 (3) In a township having less than 200 registered electors,
16 the township board may provide that notice need not be given as
17 provided in section 2 of Act No. 43 of the Public Acts of the
18 Second Extra Session of 1963, but shall be posted in 3 of the
19 most public places of the township.

20 (4) The electors meeting at the place designated shall
21 transact lawful business by majority vote.

22 (5) In a township other than a charter township, the town-
23 ship board, by resolution, may, or on the filing of petitions
24 signed by not less than 5% of the registered electors of the
25 township, shall, submit the question of the reestablishment of
26 the annual meeting of the electors to the electors of the
27 township at the next regular primary election or general

1 election. The resolution or petitions shall be filed with the
2 township clerk not less than ~~63~~ 70 days before the election at
3 which the question is submitted. If a majority of the electors
4 of the township voting on the question votes to reestablish the
5 annual meeting of the electors, the annual meeting of the elec-
6 tors is reestablished for that township, and the electors at the
7 annual meeting shall reassume powers conferred by statute. Once
8 the annual meeting has been reestablished by a vote of the
9 people, the annual meeting may only be abolished by a resolution
10 of the township board submitting the question of the abolition of
11 the annual meeting to the electors of the township at the next
12 regular primary or general election. ~~If the annual meeting is~~
13 ~~so abolished, powers that could have been exercised by the elec-~~
14 ~~tors at the annual meeting may be exercised by the board.~~

15 (6) Except as provided in subsection (5), a township is not
16 required to hold an annual meeting of the electors of the town-
17 ship unless the township board, by resolution, elects to hold an
18 annual meeting.

19 (7) IN A TOWNSHIP THAT DOES NOT HOLD AN ANNUAL MEETING,
20 POWERS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EXERCISED BY THE ELECTORS AT AN
21 ANNUAL MEETING MAY BE EXERCISED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.