

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4578**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 321, entitled  
"Recreational authorities act,"  
by amending section 3 (MCL 123.1133), as amended by 2003 PA 135.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2           (a) "Articles" means the articles of incorporation of an  
3 authority.

4           (b) "Authority" means a recreational authority established  
5 under section 5.

6           (c) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority.

7           (d) "District" means a portion of a municipality having  
8 boundaries coterminous with those of a precinct used for general  
9 elections.

10          (e) "Electors of the authority" means the qualified and

1 registered electors of the participating municipalities who reside  
2 within the territory of the authority.

3 (f) "Largest county" means, of those counties in which a  
4 participating municipality is located, the county having the  
5 greatest population.

6 (g) "Municipality" means a city, county, village, ~~or~~ township,  
7 **OR SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

8 (h) "Park" means an area of land or water, or both, dedicated  
9 to 1 or more of the following uses:

10 (i) Recreational purposes, including, but not limited to,  
11 landscaped tracts; picnic grounds; playgrounds; athletic fields;  
12 camps; campgrounds; zoological and botanical gardens; living  
13 historical farms; boating, hunting, fishing, and birding areas;  
14 swimming areas; and foot, bicycle, and bridle paths.

15 (ii) Open or scenic space.

16 (iii) Environmental, conservation, nature, or wildlife areas.

17 (i) "Participating municipality" means a municipality or  
18 district that is named in articles of incorporation or proposed  
19 articles of incorporation as joining in the original establishment  
20 of an authority, or a municipality or district that joins an  
21 existing authority and is added to the articles of incorporation,  
22 and that has not withdrawn from the authority.

23 (j) "Public historic farm" means a parcel of public land and  
24 its buildings that are accessible to the public, and provides, but  
25 is not limited to, agricultural and historical programs, farming  
26 activities and animal husbandry, community recreation activities  
27 and events, programs held in common areas, meeting rooms, and

1 community gardens, and access to surrounding parkland.

2 (k) "Swimming pool" includes equipment, structures, areas, and  
3 enclosures intended for the use of individuals using or operating a  
4 swimming pool, such as equipment, dressing, locker, shower, and  
5 toilet rooms.

6 (l) "Territory of the authority" means the combined territory  
7 of the participating municipalities that is served by an authority.

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

10 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
11 unless Senate Bill No. 481 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into  
12 law.