

**SUBSTITUTE FOR**  
**SENATE BILL NO. 809**  
(As amended May 21, 1998)

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled

"An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act,"

by amending section 16b (MCL 46.16b), as added by 1988 PA 37.

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

1       Sec. 16b. (1) ~~Proceedings~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSEC-  
2 TION (4), PROCEEDINGS for consolidation of 2 or more townships  
3 within the same county ~~may~~ SHALL be initiated by filing a peti-  
4 tion with the county board of commissioners signed by a number of  
5 registered electors who are residents of the area to be consoli-  
6 dated equal to ~~at least 5%~~ NOT LESS THAN 15% of the total popu-  
7 lation of each of the affected townships. A petition under this  
8 section shall ~~name~~ INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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1 (A) THE NAMES OF the townships proposed to be consolidated.

2 ~~, state the~~

3 (B) THE name of the consolidated township. ~~, designate the~~

4 (C) THE maximum initial authorized millage levy if the pro-

5 posed consolidated township is to be incorporated as a charter

6 township. ~~, and~~

7 (D) A request that the county board of commissioners initi-

8 ate proceedings necessary for consolidation under this act.

9 (2) The county board of commissioners shall reject a peti-

10 tion for consolidation under ~~this section~~ SUBSECTION (1) if a

11 proposition to consolidate the identical townships has been voted

12 on within the 2 years immediately preceding the filing of the

13 petition. This subsection does not prevent the consolidation of

14 2 or more townships that were included in a proposed consolida-

15 tion voted on in the preceding 2 years, with or without addi-

16 tional territory, if the prior proposition included 1 or more

17 townships that are not included in the later proposition.

18 (3) If the county board of commissioners finds that a peti-

19 tion UNDER SUBSECTION (1) does not conform to this act, the

20 county board shall return the petition to the person from whom it

21 was received together with a certified copy of the county board's

22 resolution rejecting the petition. If the county board of com-

23 missioners finds that the petition is proper, the county board

24 shall submit the proposition to a vote of the electors of the

25 affected townships and shall specify a date for the election.

26 (4) PROCEEDINGS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF 2 OR MORE TOWNSHIPS

27 WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY MAY BE INITIATED BY THE PASSAGE OF A

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- 1 RESOLUTION BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP
- 2 BOARD OF EACH OF THOSE TOWNSHIPS TO SUBMIT THE CONSOLIDATION
- 3 PROPOSITION TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE AFFECTED TOWNSHIPS.
- 4 THE RESOLUTION SHALL SPECIFY A DATE FOR THE ELECTION.