

HOUSE BILL No. 6549

September 20, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Kolb and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 281, entitled

"An act to provide for regional planning; the creation, organization, powers and duties of regional planning commissions; the provision of funds for the use of regional planning commissions; and the supervision of the activities of regional planning commissions under the provisions of this act,"

(MCL 125.11 to 125.25) by adding section 27.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 27. (1) THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT SHALL**
2 **ENCOURAGE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL LAND USE**
3 **PLANNING AND VISIONING.**

4 **(2) THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT SHALL DEVELOP A**
5 **BASIC BROCHURE ON HOW PLANNING AND ZONING DECISIONS ARE MADE BY**
6 **LOCAL UNITS. THE GOAL OF THE BROCHURE SHALL BE TO EDUCATE MEMBERS**
7 **OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND PROVIDE THEM WITH CONFIDENCE TO**

1 MEANINGFULLY PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING AND ZONING DECISIONS. THE
2 BROCHURE SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) AN EXPLANATION OF MASTER PLANS, REZONING PROPOSALS, AND
4 VARIANCES AND WHO IS THE FINAL DECISION MAKER ON THESE MATTERS.

5 (B) HOW TO CONTACT A PLANNING COMMISSION OR ZONING BOARD.

6 (C) TIPS ON HOW TO TESTIFY BEFORE A PLANNING COMMISSION OR
7 ZONING BOARD.

8 (D) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267,
9 MCL 15.261 TO 15.275.

10 (3) THE BROCHURE UNDER SUBSECTION (2) SHALL BE ENTITLED "MAP
11 YOUR FUTURE: PLANNING AND ZONING 101".

12 (4) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY
13 ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, PZS SHALL MAKE THE BROCHURE AVAILABLE
14 FOR LOCAL UNITS, TO CUSTOMIZE AND DISTRIBUTE AT THEIR COST, AND
15 SHALL PLACE THE BROCHURE ON ITS WEBSITE.

16 (5) THE BROCHURE SHALL BE FORMATTED SO THAT A DISTRIBUTOR OF
17 THE BROCHURE CAN INSERT CONTACT AND OTHER INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO
18 THE DISTRIBUTOR AFTER THE INITIAL PUBLICATION OF THE BROCHURE.

19 (6) THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUPPORT MAY CONSULT WITH
20 OTHER PERSONS FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION IN DEVELOPING THE
21 BROCHURE.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
23 unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 6550(request
24 no. 04210'05) of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.