

# HOUSE BILL No. 5404

February 15, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Zorn and Somerville and referred to the Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 1967 PA 288, entitled "Land division act," by amending sections 109 and 182 (MCL 560.109 and 560.182), section 109 as amended by 1997 PA 87.

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

1           Sec. 109. (1) A municipality shall approve or disapprove a  
2 proposed division within 45 days after the filing of a complete  
3 application for the proposed division with the assessor or other  
4 municipally designated official. However, a municipality with a  
5 population of 2,500 or less may enter into an agreement with a  
6 county to transfer to the county authority to approve or disapprove  
7 a division. An application is complete if it contains information  
8 necessary to ascertain whether the requirements of section 108 and  
9 this section are met. The assessor or other municipally designated  
10 official, or the county official, having authority to approve or

1 disapprove a proposed division, shall provide the person who filed  
2 the application written notice whether the application is approved  
3 or disapproved and, if disapproved, all the reasons for  
4 disapproval. A complete application for a proposed division shall  
5 be approved if, in addition to the requirements of section 108, all  
6 of the following requirements are met:

7 (a) Each resulting parcel has an adequate and accurate legal  
8 description and is included in a tentative parcel map showing area,  
9 parcel lines, public utility easements, accessibility, and other  
10 requirements of this section and section 108. The tentative parcel  
11 map shall be a scale drawing showing the approximate dimensions of  
12 the parcels.

13 (b) Each resulting parcel has a depth of not more than 4 times  
14 the width or, if an ordinance referred to in subsection (5)  
15 requires a smaller depth to width ratio, a depth to width ratio as  
16 required by the ordinance. The municipality or county having  
17 authority to review proposed divisions may allow a greater depth to  
18 width ratio than that otherwise required by this subdivision or an  
19 ordinance referred to in subsection (5). The greater depth to width  
20 ratio shall be based on standards set forth in the ordinance  
21 referred to in subsection (5). The standards may include, but are  
22 not required to include and need not be limited to, exceptional  
23 topographic or physical conditions with respect to the parcel and  
24 compatibility with surrounding lands. The depth to width ratio  
25 requirements of this subdivision do not apply to a parcel larger  
26 than 10 acres, unless an ordinance referred to in subsection (5)  
27 provides otherwise, and do not apply to the remainder of the parent

1 parcel or parent tract retained by the proprietor.

2 (c) Each resulting parcel has a width not less than that  
3 required by an ordinance referred to in subsection (5).

4 (d) Each resulting parcel has an area not less than that  
5 required by an ordinance referred to in subsection (5).

6 (e) Each resulting parcel is accessible.

7 (f) The division meets all of the requirements of section 108.

8 (g) Each resulting parcel that is a development site has  
9 adequate easements for public utilities from the parcel to existing  
10 public utility facilities.

11 **(H) THE DIVISION DOES NOT ISOLATE A CEMETERY SO THAT IT DOES**  
12 **NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF EITHER SECTION 102(J) (i) OR (ii) .**

13 (2) The right to make divisions exempt from the platting  
14 requirements of this act under section 108 and this section can be  
15 transferred, but only from a parent parcel or parent tract to a  
16 parcel created from that parent parcel or parent tract. A  
17 proprietor transferring the right to make a division pursuant to  
18 this subsection shall within 45 days give written notice of the  
19 transfer to the assessor of the city or township where the property  
20 is located on ~~the A~~ form prescribed by the state tax commission.  
21 ~~under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL~~  
22 ~~211.27a. The state tax commission shall revise the form to~~ **THE FORM**  
23 **SHALL** include substantially the following questions in the  
24 mandatory information portion of the form:

25 (a) "Did the parent parcel or parent tract have any  
26 unallocated divisions under the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL  
27 560.101 to 560.293? If so, how many?"

1 (b) "Were any unallocated divisions transferred to the newly  
2 created parcel? If so, how many?"

3 (3) A person shall not sell a parcel of unplatted land unless  
4 the deed contains a statement as to whether the right to make  
5 further divisions exempt from the platting requirements of this act  
6 under this section and section 108 is proposed to be conveyed. The  
7 statement shall be in substantially the following form: "The  
8 grantor grants to the grantee the right to make [insert number]  
9 division(s) under section 108 of the land division act, Act No. 288  
10 of the Public Acts of 1967." In the absence of a statement  
11 conforming to the requirements of this subsection, the right to  
12 make divisions under section 108(2), (3), and (4) stays with the  
13 remainder of the parent tract or parent parcel retained by the  
14 grantor.

15 (4) All deeds for parcels of unplatted land within the state  
16 of Michigan after the effective date of this act shall contain the  
17 following statement: "This property may be located within the  
18 vicinity of farm land or a farm operation. Generally accepted  
19 agricultural and management practices which may generate noise,  
20 dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are  
21 protected by the Michigan right to farm act.".

22 (5) The governing body of a municipality or the county board  
23 of commissioners of a county having authority to approve or  
24 disapprove a division may adopt an ordinance setting forth the  
25 standards **AUTHORIZED** in ~~section 109(1)(b)~~ **SUBSECTION (1)(B)**, (c),  
26 and (d). The ordinance may establish a fee for reviews under this  
27 section and section 108. The fee shall not exceed the reasonable

1 costs of providing the services for which the fee is charged.

2 (6) Approval of a division is not a determination that the  
3 resulting parcels comply with other ordinances or regulations.

4 Sec. 182. (1) The governing body of a municipality in which  
5 the subdivision is situated may require the following as a  
6 condition of approval of **A** final plat, for all public and private  
7 streets, alleys, and roads in its jurisdiction:

8 (a) Conformance to the general plan, **CONFORMANCE TO** width and  
9 location requirements that it may have adopted and published, ~~and~~  
10 **OR** greater width than shown on a county or state plan. ~~—but may~~  
11 **HOWEVER, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL** not require conformance to a  
12 municipal plan that conflicts with a general plan adopted by the  
13 county or state for the location and width of certain streets,  
14 roads, and highways.

15 (b) Proper drainage, grading, and construction of approved  
16 materials of a thickness and width provided in its current  
17 published construction standards.

18 (c) Installation of bridges and culverts where it ~~deems~~  
19 **CONSIDERS** necessary.

20 (d) Submission of complete plans for grading, drainage, and  
21 construction to be prepared and sealed by a civil engineer  
22 registered in the state.

23 (e) Completion of all required improvements relative to  
24 streets, alleys, and roads or a deposit by the proprietor with the  
25 clerk of the municipality in the form of cash, a certified check,  
26 or irrevocable bank letter of credit, whichever the proprietor  
27 selects, or a surety bond acceptable to the governing body, in an

1 amount sufficient to insure completion within the time specified.

2 (2) As a condition of approval of the plat, the governing body  
3 may require a deposit to be made in the same manner as provided in  
4 ~~subdivision (e) of subsection (1) (E)~~, to insure performance of  
5 any of the obligations of the proprietor to make required  
6 improvements.

7 (3) The governing body shall rebate to the proprietor, as the  
8 work progresses, amounts of any cash deposits equal to the ratio of  
9 the work completed to the entire project.

10 (4) The governing body shall **REJECT A PLAT IN ANY OF THE**  
11 **FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:**

12 (a) ~~Reject a THE~~ plat ~~which is isolated from or which isolates~~  
13 other lands from existing public streets, unless suitable access is  
14 provided.

15 (b) ~~Reject a THE~~ plat ~~showing~~ **SHOWS** a street or road name  
16 duplicating one already in use in the municipality, except in  
17 continuing a street or road.

18 (c) ~~Reject a THE~~ plat ~~showing~~ **SHOWS** the name of a new street,  
19 alley, or road that is so similar to the one already in existence  
20 in the municipality that permitting ~~such~~ **THAT** use in the  
21 subdivision may be confusing for purposes of assessing, mail  
22 delivery, and locating by the public.

23 (D) **THE PLAT ISOLATES A CEMETERY SO THAT IT DOES NOT MEET THE**  
24 **REQUIREMENTS OF EITHER SECTION 102 (J) (i) OR (ii).**