



# SENATE BILL No. 782

November 30, 1995, Introduced by Senators HONIGMAN and DUNASKISS and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to amend section 20 of Act No. 184 of the Public Acts of 1943, entitled as amended  
"The township rural zoning act,"  
being section 125.290 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20 of Act No. 184 of the Public Acts of  
2 1943, being section 125.290 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 20. (1) The township board of appeals shall ~~act upon~~  
5 ~~all questions as they may~~ HEAR AND DECIDE QUESTIONS THAT arise  
6 in the administration of the zoning ordinance, including the  
7 interpretation of the zoning maps, and may fix rules to govern  
8 its procedures sitting as a board of appeals. It shall hear and  
9 decide appeals from and review any order, ~~requirements~~  
10 REQUIREMENT, decision, or determination made by an administrative

1 official or body charged with enforcement of an ordinance adopted  
2 pursuant to this act. It shall hear and decide ~~all~~ matters  
3 referred to it or upon which it is required to pass under an  
4 ordinance adopted pursuant to this act. ~~With regard to~~ FOR  
5 special land use and planned unit development decisions, an  
6 appeal may be taken to the board of appeals only if provided for  
7 in the zoning ordinance.

8 (2) The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the  
9 TOWNSHIP board of appeals ~~shall be~~ IS necessary to reverse an  
10 order, requirement, decision, or determination of the administra-  
11 tive official or body, or to decide in favor of the applicant any  
12 matter upon which ~~they are~~ THE BOARD IS required to pass under  
13 ~~or to effect any variation in an ordinance adopted under this~~  
14 ~~act.~~ THE ORDINANCE, OR TO GRANT A VARIANCE IN THE  
15 ORDINANCE. AN appeal may be taken by any person aggrieved or by  
16 any officer, department, board, or bureau of the township,  
17 county, or state. IN ADDITION, AN AGENCY MAY SEEK A VARIANCE  
18 FROM THE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE  
19 UNIFORM CONDEMNATION PROCEDURES ACT, ACT NO. 87 OF THE PUBLIC  
20 ACTS OF 1980, BEING SECTION 213.54 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.  
21 The TOWNSHIP zoning board of appeals shall state the grounds of  
22 each determination.

23 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless  
24 Senate Bill No. 778

25 of the 88th Legislature is enacted into law.