## SENATE BILL NO. 486

May 6, 1997, Introduced by Senators BENNETT, DUNASKISS and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1947 PA 359, entitled "The charter township act,"

by amending section 4 (MCL 42.4), as amended by 1990 PA 12.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4. Candidates for township office in charter townships
- 2 shall be nominated at the general primary election held in the
- 3 township before each general election at which township officers
- 4 are to be elected. The primary election shall be conducted, as
- 5 near as may be, pursuant to the Michigan election law, Act
- 6 No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being sections
- 7 168.1 to 168.992 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1954 PA 116, MCL
- 8 168.1 TO 168.992. To obtain the printing of the name of a can-
- 9 didate of a political party for a township office under the
- 10 particular party heading on the official primary election ballot
- 11 of the township, there shall be filed with the township clerk of

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- 1 the township up to 4 p.m. of the twelfth Tuesday before the day
- 2 designated for holding the primary election, nomination petitions
- 3 bearing the signatures of a number of registered and qualified
- 4 voters of the township equal to not less than 1% or more than 4%
- 5 of the total number of votes cast for the office of supervisor in
- 6 the township in the last election in which a supervisor was
- 7 elected. Duties of the county clerk in the conduct of primary
- 8 elections shall be performed by the township clerk with respect
- 9 to the nomination of township officers, and the duties of the
- 10 county board of election commissioners shall be performed for
- 11 each township by a board of township election commissioners to be
- 12 composed of the township clerk and the 2 trustees appointed by
- 13 the township board.