

**SENATE BILL NO. 517**

April 15, 1999, Introduced by Senators BULLARD and MC MANUS and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to amend 1943 PA 184, entitled  
"Township zoning act,"  
by amending section 20 (MCL 125.290).

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

1       Sec. 20. (1) The township board of appeals shall ~~act upon~~  
2 ~~all questions as they may~~ HEAR AND DECIDE QUESTIONS THAT arise  
3 in the administration of the zoning ordinance, including the  
4 interpretation of the zoning maps, and may ~~fix~~ ADOPT rules to  
5 govern its procedures sitting as a board of appeals. It shall  
6 hear and decide appeals from and review any order, ~~requirements~~  
7 REQUIREMENT, decision, or determination made by an administrative  
8 official or body charged with enforcement of an ordinance adopted  
9 pursuant to this act. It shall hear and decide ~~all~~ matters  
10 referred to it or upon which it is required to pass under an  
11 ordinance adopted pursuant to this act. ~~With regard to~~ FOR

1 special land use and planned unit development decisions, an  
2 appeal may be taken to the board of appeals only if provided for  
3 in the zoning ordinance.

4       (2) The concurring vote of a majority of the members of the  
5 TOWNSHIP board of appeals ~~shall be~~ IS necessary to reverse an  
6 order, requirement, decision, or determination of the administra-  
7 tive official or body, or to decide in favor of the applicant any  
8 matter upon which ~~they are~~ THE BOARD IS required to pass under  
9 ~~or to effect any variation in an ordinance adopted under this~~  
10 ~~act. The~~ THE ORDINANCE, OR TO GRANT A VARIANCE IN THE  
11 ORDINANCE. AN appeal may be taken by ~~any~~ A person aggrieved or  
12 by ~~any~~ AN officer, department, board, or bureau of the town-  
13 ship, county, or state. IN ADDITION, AN AGENCY MAY SEEK A VARI-  
14 ANCE FROM THE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS UNDER SECTION 4 OF  
15 THE UNIFORM CONDEMNATION PROCEDURES ACT, 1980 PA 87, MCL 213.54.  
16 The TOWNSHIP zoning board of appeals shall state the grounds of  
17 each determination.