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June 9, 2004, Introduced by Rep. Jamnick and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled

"Michigan election law,"

by amending section 644g (MCL 168.644g), as amended by 2003 PA 302.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 644g. (1) A term of office shall not be shortened by
- 2 the provisions of sections 641 to 644i. An officer scheduled by
- 3 prior law to be elected at a time other than the odd year general
- 4 election shall not be elected on the date scheduled but shall
- 5 continue in office until a successor takes office after being
- **6** elected in the first odd year general election following that
- **7** date. If the regular election date for holding a jurisdiction's
- **8** regular election is changed under section 642 or 642a, the term
- of an official who was elected before the effective date of the
- change continues until a successor is elected and qualified at

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- 1 the next regular election. -following the date the official's
- 2 term would have ended but for the change of the day of the
- 3 jurisdiction's regular election.
- 4 (2) Notwithstanding a law or charter provision to the
- 5 contrary, an officer required to be elected at the odd year
- 6 general election, who by law or charter is elected for a term of
- 7 an odd number of years shall, after the effective date of the
- 8 amendatory act that added section 642 September 1, 2004, be
- 9 elected for a term of 1 year longer than provided by law or
- 10 charter.
- 11 (3) In home rule cities where the charter provides for the
- 12 election of city officers at a time other than at the odd year
- 13 general election and provides that members of the governing body
- 14 are not all to be elected in the same year, the governing body by
- 15 ordinance adopted prior to April 1, 1971 may alter the length of
- 16 terms now provided by charter to provide that the city may
- 17 continue to elect part of the governing body at each election. A
- 18 term shall not be extended beyond January 1 following the first
- 19 odd year general election at which the officer would be elected
- 20 as provided by charter. A term shall not be for more than 4
- 21 years.

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