

SENATE BILL No. 692

September 22, 2011, Introduced by Senators CASWELL and ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

A bill to amend 1947 PA 359, entitled "The charter township act," by amending section 3a (MCL 42.3a), as amended by 1984 PA 361.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3a. ~~(1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this~~
2 ~~1984 amendatory act and after each regular or special federal or~~
3 ~~state census, the secretary of state shall notify the clerk of a~~
4 ~~township which is not incorporated as a charter township pursuant~~
5 ~~to this act and which has a population of 2,000 or more~~
6 ~~inhabitants, excluding the population of any incorporated village,~~
7 ~~according to the most recently made regular or special federal or~~
8 ~~state census that the township may be incorporated as the charter~~
9 ~~township of under this act.~~

10 (1) ~~(2) After notification is received by the clerk, THE~~
11 **OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS FIGURES FOR THIS**

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1 STATE, the township board OF A TOWNSHIP THAT IS NOT INCORPORATED AS
 2 A CHARTER TOWNSHIP UNDER THIS ACT AND THAT HAS A POPULATION OF
 3 2,000 OR MORE INHABITANTS, EXCLUDING THE POPULATION OF ANY
 4 INCORPORATED VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL
 5 DECENNIAL CENSUS FIGURES, may:

6 (a) Adopt, by a majority vote, a resolution opposed to
 7 incorporation AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP.

8 (b) Adopt, by a majority vote, a resolution of intent to
 9 approve incorporation AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP and if a petition of
 10 disagreement to the intent resolution relative to the incorporation
 11 AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP is filed within 60 days before final passage
 12 of the resolution, the electors of the township have the right to a
 13 referendum on the incorporation question.

14 (c) Adopt, by a majority vote, a resolution to place before
 15 the electorate the question of incorporation AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP
 16 at the next regular or special election.

17 ~~—— (3) The clerk shall publish in a newspaper of general~~
 18 ~~circulation in the township a notice of the right to referendum~~
 19 ~~within 15 days after receipt of notification from the secretary of~~
 20 ~~state. A second notice shall be published 7 days after the first~~
 21 ~~notice.~~

22 (2) ~~(4)~~ The petition under subsection ~~(2)(b)~~ (1) (B) shall be
 23 signed by not less than 10% of the number of electors of the
 24 township voting for township supervisor at the last election in
 25 which a supervisor was elected. The township clerk shall check the
 26 signatures on the petitions with those of the electors signing the
 27 petitions as they appear on the registration cards of the township.

1 If petitions bearing the required number of signatures of electors
2 have been filed, the clerk shall do and perform all acts required
3 for the submission of the question of incorporation **AS A CHARTER**
4 **TOWNSHIP** at the next general or special election. The wording of
5 the ballot shall be in accordance with section 2.