

HOUSE BILL No. 4909

September 7, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Tyler, Knollenberg, Horn, Denby, Huuki and Cotter
and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 16, entitled

"Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties of
township officers, and the division of townships,"

by amending section 8 (MCL 41.8), as amended by 1990 PA 101.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an
2 annual meeting of the electors of each township shall be held on
3 the last Saturday in the last month of each fiscal year, at the
4 time and place selected by the township board. However, the annual
5 meeting may be held on an alternate date if the alternate date is
6 approved by a majority of the township board and is in the last
7 month of the township's fiscal year.

8 (2) The business performed at a meeting of the electors of a
9 township shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance

1 with the open meetings act, ~~Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976,~~
2 ~~as amended, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan~~
3 ~~Compiled Laws. 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275.~~ Public notice of
4 the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given by the
5 township clerk in the manner required by ~~Act No. 267 of the Public~~
6 ~~Acts of 1976, as amended, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL~~
7 **15.261 TO 15.275,** and as provided by section 2 of ~~Act No. 43 of the~~
8 ~~Public Acts of the Second Extra Session of 1963, being section~~
9 ~~141.412 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 1963 (2ND EX SESS) PA 43,~~
10 **MCL 141.412,** except as provided in subsection (3).

11 (3) In a township having less than 200 registered electors,
12 the township board may provide that notice need not be given as
13 provided in section 2 of ~~Act No. 43 of the Public Acts of the~~
14 ~~Second Extra Session of 1963, 1963 (2ND EX SESS) PA 43, MCL~~
15 **141.412,** but shall be posted in 3 of the most public places of the
16 township.

17 (4) The electors meeting at the place designated shall
18 transact lawful business by majority vote.

19 (5) In a township other than a charter township, the township
20 board, by resolution, may, or on the filing of petitions signed by
21 a number of registered electors of the township equal to not less
22 than 5% of the electors who voted for township supervisor at the
23 immediately preceding township supervisor election of the township,
24 shall, submit the question of the reestablishment of the annual
25 meeting of the electors to the electors of the township at the next
26 regular primary election or general election. The resolution or
27 petitions shall be filed with the township clerk not ~~less than 70~~

~~days~~ **LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE TWELFTH TUESDAY** before the election at which the question is submitted. If a majority of the electors of the township voting on the question votes to reestablish the annual meeting of the electors, the annual meeting of the electors is reestablished for that township, and the electors at the annual meeting shall reassume powers conferred by statute. Once the annual meeting has been reestablished by a vote of the people, the annual meeting may only be abolished by a resolution of the township board submitting the question of the abolition of the annual meeting to the electors of the township at the next regular primary or general election.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (5), a township is not required to hold an annual meeting of the electors of the township unless the township board, by resolution, elects to hold an annual meeting.

(7) In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, powers that could have been exercised by the electors at an annual meeting may be exercised by the township board.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4907(request no. 01868'11) of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.