

# HOUSE BILL No. 6056

December 2, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Price and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend 1992 PA 173, entitled  
"Land reclamation and improvement authority act,"  
by amending sections 5 and 20 (MCL 125.2455 and 125.2470).

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

1           Sec. 5. (1) Not more than 15 days after a petition is filed,  
2 the department shall determine whether the petition meets the  
3 requirements of section 4 and, if the petition does not meet those  
4 requirements, return the petition to the person who filed the  
5 petition. If the department returns a petition, the department  
6 shall include with the petition a statement of the reasons that the  
7 petition does not meet the requirements of section 4.

8           (2) Not less than 30 days and not more than 45 days after a  
9 petition meeting the requirements of section 4 is filed with the  
10 department, the department shall hold a public hearing in the

1 county where the proposed authority district is located. ~~The~~  
2 **THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, THE** department shall publish notice of  
3 the hearing twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
4 township or townships in which the proposed authority district is  
5 located. ~~The~~**THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, THE** first publication shall  
6 be not less than 10 days before the hearing. **BEGINNING JANUARY 1,**  
7 **2015, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TIER A PUBLIC NOTICE AS PROVIDED**  
8 **IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC NOTICE ACT NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS**  
9 **BEFORE THE HEARING.** In addition, the department shall give notice  
10 of the hearing in the manner required by the open meetings act, ~~Act~~  
11 ~~No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275~~  
12 ~~of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275,~~  
13 and by first-class mail addressed to each record owner in the  
14 proposed authority district, to the county clerk of the county  
15 within which the proposed authority district is located, and to the  
16 township clerk of each township within which all or part of the  
17 proposed authority district is located. At the hearing, persons may  
18 comment on whether the proposed authority meets the requirements of  
19 section 6.

20 (3) For purposes of this section, record owners shall be  
21 determined by the records in the register of deeds' office as of  
22 the day of filing the petition. At the request of the department, a  
23 register of deeds shall certify whether the persons joining in the  
24 petition are record owners.

25 Sec. 20. (1) If an authority specially assesses property,  
26 notice of hearings in the special assessment proceedings shall be  
27 given as provided in this section.

1 (2) Notice of hearings in special assessment proceedings shall  
2 be given to the township clerk of each township where the authority  
3 district is located by first-class mail, not less than 10 days  
4 before the date of the hearing. Notice of hearings in special  
5 assessment proceedings shall also be given to each record owner of,  
6 or party in interest in, property to be assessed whose name appears  
7 upon the last township tax assessment records by first-class mail  
8 addressed to the record owner or party in interest at the address  
9 shown on the tax records, not less than 10 days before the date of  
10 the hearing. The last township tax assessment records means the  
11 last assessment roll for ad valorem tax purposes that was reviewed  
12 by the township board of review, as supplemented by any subsequent  
13 changes in the names or the addresses of the record owners or  
14 parties in interest listed on that roll. If a record owner's name  
15 does not appear on the township tax assessment records, notice  
16 shall be given by first-class mail addressed to the record owner at  
17 the address shown by the records of the county register of deeds  
18 not less than 10 days before the date of the hearing. ~~Notice~~  
19 **THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, NOTICE** shall also be published twice  
20 before the hearing in a newspaper circulating in the township. ~~The~~  
21 **THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, THE** first publication shall be not less  
22 than 10 days before the date of the hearing. **BEGINNING JANUARY 1,**  
23 **2015, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE TIER A PUBLIC NOTICE AS PROVIDED**  
24 **IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC NOTICE ACT NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS**  
25 **BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING.**

26 (3) If a person claims an interest in real property and his or  
27 her name and correct address do not appear upon the last township

1 tax assessment records, that person shall file immediately his or  
2 her name and address with the township supervisor of the township  
3 where the property is located. This filing is effective only for  
4 the purpose of establishing a record of the names and addresses of  
5 those persons entitled to notice of hearings in the special  
6 assessment proceedings. The supervisor shall immediately enter on  
7 the tax assessment records any changes in the names and addresses  
8 of record owners or parties in interest filed with the supervisor  
9 and at all times shall keep the tax assessment records current,  
10 complete, and available for public inspection.

11 (4) An authority officer whose duty is to give notice of  
12 hearings in special assessment proceedings may rely upon the last  
13 township tax assessment records and any filings under subsection  
14 (3) in giving notice of the hearing by mail. The method of giving  
15 notice by mail as provided in this section is the method that is  
16 reasonably certain to inform those to be assessed of the special  
17 assessment proceedings.

18 (5) Failure to give notice as required in this section does  
19 not invalidate an entire assessment roll but only the assessment on  
20 property affected by the lack of notice. A special assessment is  
21 not invalid as to any property if the record owner or the party in  
22 interest of that property actually received notice, waived notice,  
23 or paid any part of the assessment. If an assessment is declared  
24 void by court judgment, a reassessment against the property may be  
25 made.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
27 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5560 (request no.

1 03796'13) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.