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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4573 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Tim Sneller  
House Committee: Local Government  
Senate Committee: Local Government

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, which provides for the powers and duties of townships, to allow a township to provide by ordinance a procedure to finance by special assessment the provision of mosquito abatement by private contractors.**

The ordinance would have to authorize the township board to initiate the establishment of a special assessment district by resolution or authorize the use of petitions to initiate the establishment of a special assessment district, or both. If petitions were used, the owners of at least 25% of the land to be made into the district would have to sign the petitions to initiate its establishment.

If a township board adopted a resolution to initiate the establishment of a special assessment district, or if the owners of at least 25% of the land to be made into a special assessment district signed petitions, the township board would have to do one of the following:

- Submit the question of raising money for mosquito abatement by special assessment to the electors residing in the portion of the township located in the special assessment district at a general election or special election called for that purpose by the board.
- Adopt a resolution to establish the special assessment district for mosquito abatement.

If the question of raising money for mosquito abatement by special assessment were submitted to the electors, a special assessment district for mosquito abatement would be established if a majority of the electors approved the district.

All proceedings related to the levying and collection of special assessments authorized under the bill would have to be in accordance with the proceedings provided in Public Act 188 of 1954 (which allows townships to make public improvements, and pay for them by special assessment).

A special assessment district for mosquito abatement established under the bill could be discontinued upon petition by the owners of at least 51% of the land comprising the district.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

Proposed MCL 41.3b

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

A township that obtained voter approval under the authority in the bill for a special assessment district for mosquito control would have increased revenue, which would be restricted for a private contract for mosquito control. If a township already provided mosquito control paid by its general fund revenue, the payment of mosquito abatement costs from special assessment revenue could reduce general fund spending.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government.

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