

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 896**

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled
"The home rule city act,"
(MCL 117.1 to 117.38) by adding section 5/.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 5/.** (1) The legislative body of a city may, by resolution,
2 authorize the city to contract for the maintenance or improvement
3 of any private road in the city by creating a special assessment
4 district.

5 (2) More than 50% of the property owners owning the frontage
6 along a private road may request, by petition to the legislative
7 body of the city, the maintenance or improvement of the private
8 road in the city. If the legislative body of a city passes a
9 resolution or receives a petition that complies with the



1 requirements of this subsection, the city may enter into a contract
2 for or make the maintenance or improvement of the private road,
3 with the allocation of cost to be spread against all of the owners
4 in the special assessment district on a pro rata frontage basis.
5 The maintenance or improvement of any private road under this
6 section, and the assessment of cost, must not commence until the
7 legislative body of the city has created a special assessment
8 district and assessed the properties with proper notice of public
9 hearings to all of the owners of property in the special assessment
10 district that will benefit from the maintenance or improvement.

11 (3) The maintenance or improvement of a private road
12 authorized by the legislative body of a city under this section may
13 be an annual maintenance or improvement program not to exceed 5
14 years. The special assessment district must not be assessed for a
15 period longer than 5 years unless a new special assessment district
16 with a new special assessment is created to continue the program.

17 (4) As used in this section, "maintenance" means that term as
18 defined in section 10c of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660c.

