

**Revised Statutes of 1846 (EXCERPT)**  
**R.S. of 1846**

Township Business, Other Than Elections.

**41.97 Moderator of township meeting.**

Sec. 97. The supervisor, if present, shall be the moderator of an annual or special township meeting of the electors, and if he or she is not present, the meeting, under the direction of the township clerk, shall elect by voice vote, a moderator of the meeting. However, the township clerk has the same powers and duties as the moderator until a moderator is chosen.

**History:** R.S. 1846, Ch. 16;—CL 1857, 589;—CL 1871, 743;—How. 776;—CL 1897, 2376;—CL 1915, 2156;—CL 1929, 1032;—CL 1948, 41.97;—Am. 1956, Act 105, Eff. Aug. 11, 1956;—Am. 1989, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1989.

**41.98 Duties of moderator.**

Sec. 98. The moderator of a meeting of the electors shall preside in and regulate the proceedings of a meeting of the electors. He or she shall decide all questions of order and make public declaration of all votes passed, and if a vote so declared by him or her shall immediately upon such declaration be questioned, he or she shall make the vote certain by polling the voters, or dividing the meeting, unless the township, by a previous vote or by its bylaws, has otherwise provided.

**History:** R.S. 1846, Ch. 16;—CL 1857, 590;—CL 1871, 744;—How. 777;—CL 1897, 2377;—CL 1915, 2157;—CL 1929, 1033;—CL 1948, 41.98;—Am. 1989, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1989.

**41.99 Permission required to address meeting; request for silence.**

Sec. 99. A person shall not address a meeting of the electors until permission is obtained from the moderator, nor while any other person is speaking. All persons at a meeting of the electors shall be silent at the request of the moderator.

**History:** R.S. 1846, Ch. 16;—CL 1857, 591;—CL 1871, 745;—How. 778;—CL 1897, 2378;—CL 1915, 2158;—CL 1929, 1034;—CL 1948, 41.99;—Am. 1989, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1989.

**41.100 Repealed. 1977, Act 159, Imd. Eff. Nov. 8, 1977.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed section pertained to disorderly conduct at township meeting.

**41.101 Exclusion of person from public meeting; refusal to withdraw as misdemeanor; penalty.**

Sec. 101. A person shall not be excluded from a public meeting except for a breach of the peace actually committed at the meeting. A person who refuses to withdraw from a public meeting, on being ordered by the moderator to do so, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$50.00.

**History:** R.S. 1846, Ch. 16;—CL 1857, 593;—CL 1871, 747;—How. 780;—CL 1897, 2380;—CL 1915, 2160;—CL 1929, 1036;—CL 1948, 41.101;—Am. 1989, Act 77, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1989.