

SENATE BILL No. 785

November 1, 2011, Introduced by Senator GLEASON and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled

"An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,"

by amending section 6 of chapter IV (MCL 224.6), as amended by 2009 PA 39.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER IV

Sec. 6. (1) Except as **OTHERWISE** provided **BY LAW AND** under subsection (4), ~~or~~ (5), **OR (7)**, in a county where the county road system is adopted, a board of county road commissioners consisting

1 of not less than 3 members or more than 5 members shall be elected
2 by the people of the county. The initial road commissioners shall
3 be appointed by the county board of commissioners or elected at a
4 general or special election called for that purpose, as determined
5 by the county board of commissioners. The county board of
6 commissioners may by resolution provide for staggered terms of
7 office for the road commissioners under this subsection so that not
8 more than 2 road commissioners' terms of office expire in the same
9 year.

10 (2) If the road commissioners are appointed, they shall hold
11 office only until January 1 of the first odd numbered year
12 following the date of appointment. If the road commissioners are to
13 be elected at a general or special election, notice of the
14 election, embodying a copy of the resolutions of the county board
15 of commissioners, giving the number and terms of the office of the
16 road commissioners to be elected, shall be published by the clerk
17 as required by section 3 of this chapter.

18 (3) The regular election of county road commissioners shall be
19 held at the general election on the first Tuesday after the first
20 Monday in November. The term of office of an elected county road
21 commissioner shall commence on January 1 in the year following his
22 or her election. The notice of the election shall be given at the
23 time notice is given of the general election of county officers.

24 (4) The election of county road commissioners shall not be
25 mandatory in any county that contains all or part of 12 surveyed
26 townships as determined by the government survey of the county.
27 Except as provided under subsection (5), in a county under this

1 subsection the county board of commissioners, by a majority of its
2 members elect, may appoint the county road commissioners. A county
3 road commissioner appointed under this subsection shall not be
4 removed from office before the expiration of his or her term of
5 office without being given written notice of the charges made
6 against him or her and an opportunity to appear before the county
7 board of commissioners for a hearing on the charges.

8 (5) In a county having a population of 750,000 or more that
9 has adopted a charter under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to 45.521, the
10 powers and duties that are otherwise provided by law for a board of
11 county road commissioners may be reorganized by amendment to the
12 charter. In a county having a population of 750,000 or more with a
13 charter commission proposing a charter under 1966 PA 293, MCL
14 45.501 to 45.521, the powers and duties that are otherwise provided
15 by law for a board of county road commissioners may be reorganized
16 under the charter if, at the election considering the approval of
17 the charter, the voters approve both the charter and a separate
18 ballot question presented by the charter commission to reorganize
19 the board of county road commissioners. Funds provided to the
20 county under 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651 to 247.675, shall only be
21 expended for the purposes provided under 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.651 to
22 247.675.

23 (6) If the county board of commissioners proposes to alter the
24 number of county road commissioners as allowed under this act, the
25 county board of commissioners shall hold not less than 1 public
26 hearing on the proposed change to the road commission. The county
27 board of commissioners shall give notice as required under the open

1 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275, of the time and
2 place of the public hearing not less than 28 days before the
3 hearing. The county board of commissioners shall also provide
4 written notice of the hearing to the county road commission and, if
5 available, by posting the notice on the county's website. The
6 county board of commissioners may vote on whether to alter the
7 number of county road commissioners at the meeting noticed under
8 this subsection.

9 (7) EXCEPT FOR A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF 1,000,000 OR MORE
10 OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (5), THE POWERS, DUTIES,
11 AND FUNCTIONS THAT ARE OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW FOR AN APPOINTED
12 BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY
13 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY A RESOLUTION AS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 11
14 OF 1951 PA 156, MCL 46.11. THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IS
15 AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS ALLOWED UNDER 1951 PA 51,
16 MCL 247.651 TO 247.675.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless Senate Bill No. 784

19 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.