

SENATE BILL No. 589

December 3, 1987, Introduced by Senators CARL, WELBORN and CROPSEY
and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Veterans.

A bill to amend section 4 of Act No. 168 of the Public Acts
of 1959, entitled

"An act to provide for township planning; for the creation, organization, powers and duties of township planning commissions; and for the regulation and subdivision of land,"

being section 125.324 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 4 of Act No. 168 of the Public Acts of
2 1959, being section 125.324 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 4. (1) The planning commission shall consist of not
5 less than 5 nor more than 9 members, who shall be representative
6 of major interests as they exist in the township, such as agri-
7 culture, recreation, education, public health, government,
8 commerce, transportation, and industry. All members shall be
9 qualified electors and property owners of the township. One

1 member of the township board shall be a member of the planning
2 commission.

3 (2) ~~All members~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) FOR
4 VACANCIES, A MEMBER of the planning commission shall be appointed
5 by the township supervisor with the approval of the township
6 board. Members may be removed by the township supervisor, after
7 a hearing, with the approval of the township board.

8 (3) The term of each member shall be for 3 years, except
9 that of the members first appointed, 1/3 shall serve for 1 year,
10 1/3 for 2 years, and 1/3 for 3 years. A successor shall be
11 appointed not more than 1 month after the term of the preceding
12 commission member has expired. All vacancies for unexpired terms
13 shall be filled for the remainder of such term. IF THE SUPERVI-
14 SOR DOES NOT APPOINT AND ACQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL TO FILL A VACANCY
15 ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE POSITION
16 BECOMES VACANT, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD SHALL FILL THE VACANCY BY
17 APPOINTMENT.

18 (4) Members of the planning commission may be compensated
19 for their services as provided by the township board. The plan-
20 ning commission may make and administer regulations relative to
21 compensation for the travel of its members and employees when
22 engaged in the performance of activities authorized by the town-
23 ship planning commission, including attendance at conferences and
24 meetings. The planning commission shall prepare a detailed
25 budget and submit ~~same~~ THE BUDGET to the township board for
26 approval or disapproval. The township board annually may
27 appropriate and make available ~~funds~~ MONEY for carrying out the

1 purposes and functions permitted under this act, and may match
2 township ~~funds~~ MONEY with federal, state, county or other local
3 government, or private grants. The township board may accept and
4 use gifts and grants for planning commission purposes. Money so
5 accepted shall be deposited with the township treasurer in a spe-
6 cial nonreverting planning commission fund for expenditure by the
7 planning commission for the purpose designated by the donor. The
8 township treasurer shall draw warrants against the special nonre-
9 verting fund only upon vouchers signed by the chairman and secre-
10 tary of the planning commission and upon orders drawn by the
11 township clerk. The expenditures of the planning commission,
12 exclusive of gifts and grants, shall be within the amounts appro-
13 priated by the township board.