

HOUSE BILL NO. 4637

April 14, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Martin, Cherry, Howell, Aiyash, Brixie and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

A bill to amend 1846 RS 16, entitled
"Of the powers and duties of townships, the election and duties of township officers, and the division of townships,"
(MCL 41.1a to 41.110c) by adding section 2a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a township board may
2 by resolution adopted by 2/3 of the members elected to and serving
3 on the township board change the name of the township. The
4 resolution must include the new name of the township.

5 (2) A resolution adopted under subsection (1) does not take

1 effect unless the resolution is approved by a majority of the
2 electors of the township voting on the question at an election to
3 be held on the next August regular election date or November
4 regular election date, whichever occurs first, that is not less
5 than 60 days after the date the resolution is adopted.

6 (3) If a majority of the electors of the township voting on
7 the question approve the resolution, the name of that township is
8 authorized to be changed by the township to the new name in the
9 resolution.

10 (4) A township does not have the authority to change its name
11 more than once every 25 years.