

SENATE BILL NO. 696

October 30, 2025, Introduced by Senators KLINEFELT and SINGH and referred to Committee on Elections and Ethics.

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,"
by amending section 2a (MCL 41.2a), as added by 2021 PA 97.

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~~**May** 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~~**the**
11 **township's** name more than once every 25 years.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January
13 1, 2027.

14 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
15 unless Senate Bill No. ____ (request no. S02806'25) of the 103rd
16 Legislature is enacted into law.