



2014 Public Acts

The following is a list of public acts enacted into law during 2014 that may impact township operations across the state.

[PA 2](#): Billboard Revisions (Rep. Jacobsen)—modifies several requirements under the Highway Advertising Act. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 9](#): Construction Code (Sen. Jones)—amends State Construction Code to specify that any provision inconsistent or in conflict with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act would be superseded by the Fireworks Safety Act. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 18](#): Property Tax (Sen. Casperson)—provides for the retention of taxable value for property improvements required due to certain natural disaster losses. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 19](#): Veteran Flags (Sen. Kahn)—requires American made flags to mark graves of veterans. *Effective May 26, 2014.*

[PA 24](#): Solid Waste (Rep. LaFontaine)—exempts certain diverted waste from the definition of solid waste and regulates collection centers. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 33](#): Property Tax (Rep. Denby)—provides option to adjust interest rate on uncollected taxes returned to county for collection. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 34](#): Supplemental Appropriations (Sen. Kahn)—provides \$100 million for special winter road maintenance. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 36](#): Interlocal Agreements (Sen. Nofs)—amends the Urban Cooperation Act to allow the parties to an interlocal agreement to create a separate legal entity to exercise designated powers if expressly provided for under the agreement. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 40](#): Principal Residence Exemption (Rep. Pagel)—allows for an individual moving into an assisted living facility to retain principal residence exemption under certain circumstances. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 52](#): Telecommunications (Sen. Nofs)—allows a telephone provider to phase out landlines beginning Jan. 1, 2017, after following certain procedures. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 79](#): Elections (Rep. Schor)—Allows for the use of a signature stamp for voters with certain disabilities. *Immediate Effect.*

[PAs 80, 81, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, & 93](#): Personal Property Tax (Sens. Hildenbrand, Robertson, Brandenburg, Proos, Pappageorge, Jansen, Bieda, Ananich, Warren and Nofs)—revises various statutes enacted in 2012 to create tax exemptions for eligible industrial and commercial personal property, and provide mechanisms to replace a portion of the revenue lost by local units of government. *PAs 80, 81,*

and 86 effective Jan. 1, 2015. PAs 87, 89, 90, and 91 effective April 1, 2014. PA 88 effective Oct. 1, 2014. PAs 92 and 93 effective Aug. 6, 2014.

[PAs 82, 83, 84 & 85](#): Gas and Oil Taxation and Pipeline Definition (Reps. Nesbitt, Outman, Stallworth and Pettalia)—alters severance tax on oil and gas production, and changes definition of pipelines to include carbon dioxide. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 94](#): Elections (Rep. Lyons)—changes requirements for petition circulators and revises procedures for electing a person to fulfill the remainder of a vacant term of office. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 99](#): Junk Dealers (Rep. Muxlow)—prohibits the buying and selling of certain types of scrap metals and further regulates transactions and record keeping. *Effective July 1, 2014.*

[PA 114](#): Appropriations (Sen. Booher)—provides funding for Natural Resources Trust Fund acquisition and development projects. *Effective April 11, 2014.*

[PA 115](#): Clean Michigan Initiative Loans (Sen. Booher)—allows municipalities or a brownfield redevelopment authority to renegotiate Clean Michigan Initiative loans. *Effective April 11, 2014.*

[PA 125](#): Foreclosure (Rep. Callton)—revises procedures for property inspections during redemption period. *Effective June 19, 2014.*

[PA 126](#): Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (Sen. Schuitmaker)—provides that uncollected delinquent taxes due to a county from a local taxing unit or the State are a lien against future delinquent tax payments payable to a local unit or the State. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 131](#): Libraries (Sen. Robertson)—requires a candidate for a local library governing board to be a qualified elector and outlines procedures for appointing individuals to fill vacancies. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 138](#): Minimum Wage (Sen. Richardville)—phases in new minimum wage increases over time and ties future annual increases to inflation. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 144](#): Youth Employment (Rep. Segal)—amends the Youth Employment Standards Act to provide the Act would not apply to minors 16 years of age or older who obtained a high school equivalency certificate. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 146](#): Commercial Forests (Sen. Booher)—extends timeframe to withdrawal forestland from Commercial Forest Act without penalty under certain circumstances. *Immediate Effect.*

[PAs 161 & 162](#): Use Tax (Sen. Kahn)—generates additional revenue for the state by making medical services provided by Medicaid managed care organizations subject to the 6 percent use tax and reduces the rate of the Health Insurance Claims Assessment (HICA) from 1 percent to 0.75 percent. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 164](#): Commercial Property Tax Assessments (Sen. Gregory)—eliminates the use of occupancy additions and losses in determining a property's taxable value. *Immediate Effect.*

[PA 168](#): Road Ends (Sen. Kowall)—removes county authority to designate the use of a public road end at an inland lake for the purpose of installing a seasonal dock. *Immediate Effect.*

[PAs 178, 179, & 180](#): Use of Beneficial Use By-Products (Reps. Schmidt, McBroom and Potvin)—reduces regulation by providing for greater use of inert and beneficial use by-products and exempts certain individuals from liability. PAs 178 and 180 effective Sept. 16, 2014. PA 179 given *Immediate Effect*.

[PAs 210, 211, 212, 213, 214 & 215](#): Pure Michigan Trails (Sens. Moolenaar, Hildenbrand, Hansen and Casperson, and Reps. Franz and Pagel)—creates Pure Michigan Trail network and provides for Pure Michigan Trail Towns designation. *Effective Sept. 25, 2014*.

[PA 242](#): Public Employee Plan Contribution (Rep. Walsh)—allows a public employer to provide for automatic enrollment in certain retirement plans, and provides and limits liability for default investment decisions. *Immediate Effect*.

[PAs 244 & 245](#): Economic Development Boards (Rep. Santana)—allows elected officials to be appointed as a member of an economic development board and establishes that when a member's service as an elected official ends, the term on the board ends. *Immediate Effect*.

[PA 248](#): Sales Tax Exemption (Rep. Cotter)—exempts the transfer of a vehicle between in-laws from the use tax. *Immediate Effect*.

[PAs 250 & 283](#): Driver Responsibility Fees (Rep. Haveman and Sen. Caswell)—shortens assessment period for driver responsibility fees, establishes option of community service and eventually cuts funding for fire protection grants to communities with state facilities. *PA 250 effective Sept. 23, 2014. PA 283 effective Dec. 31, 2014*.

[PA 252](#): Appropriations (Rep. Haveman)—provides FY 2014-15 budget appropriations including revenue sharing, PILT, recycling grants, fire protection grants, and additional state police officers and conservation officers. *Immediate Effect*.

[PA 253](#): Aquatic Invasive Species Permits (Sen. Casperson)—streamlines permit process for treatment of aquatic invasive species. *Immediate Effect*.

[PA 255](#): Road Kill (Sen. Booher)—allows for salvaging of certain game killed by a vehicle. *Effective Sept. 28, 2014*.

[PA 270](#): Liquor Licenses (Sen. Hildenbrand)—allows for the issuance of redevelopment district liquor licenses in townships and villages in certain redevelopment project areas or development districts. *Immediate Effect*.

[PA 274](#): Property Tax Exemption (Sen. Proos)—permits local tax collecting units to exempt specifically identified real and personal property owned by a charitable nonprofit organization (whose primary purpose is to provide for the economic development of real property for economic development purposes) for five to seven years from taxes. *Immediate Effect*.

[PA 294](#): Commercial Trucks (Sen. Hune)—eliminates requirement for certain commercial trucks to display identification information on the sides of a vehicle. *Effective March 31, 2014*.

[PA 297](#): Municipal Retirement Securities (Sen. Brandenburg)—extends sunset for certain municipal retirement securities to Dec. 31, 2015. *Immediate Effect*.

PA 310: Property Tax Assessments (Rep. Pettalia)—excludes from the definition of “transfer of ownership” certain conveyances of residential real property to a family member or trust. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 311, 312, 313, & 314: Emergency Response-Drug Overdose (Reps. Forlini, Crawford and Forlini, and Sen. Schuitmaker)—requires emergency medical protocols by Oct. 2015 to require response vehicles to carry opioid antagonists and necessitates emergency services personnel to be trained to administer the anti-overdose medication. Further provides for immunity for dispensing, possessing or administering opioid antagonists in response to a drug overdose. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 322: Labor Arbitration (Rep. Walsh)—provides exceptions to limitations on wage increases and benefits during collective bargaining agreement negotiations for police officers and fire fighters. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 323: Firefighter Employment (Rep. Haveman)—allows for full-time firefighters to volunteer, seek and accept part-time or paid on-call employment with another fire department, and prohibits a local unit of government or collective bargaining from prohibiting that outside employment. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 351: Inland Lakes (Rep. Graves)—allows for the repair or replacement of a failed seawall under a DEQ minor permit category. *Effective Jan. 16, 2015.*

PA 352: Court Costs (Rep. Walsh)—authorizes a court to impose reasonable related court costs to a defendant found guilty and to report imposed costs to State Court Administrative Office. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 383 & 389: Warrants (Sens. Jones and Hansen)—allows a district court magistrate to issue an arrest warrant or search warrant by electronic communication. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 387: Nuisance Abatement (Rep. Cavanagh)—allows the attorney for a township, city or village in which a human trafficking nuisance was located to bring an action to abate the nuisance and increase possible fines, in addition to the attorney general and the prosecuting attorney. *Effective March 31, 2015.*

PA 391: Vehicle Load Widths (Sen. Ananich)—allows 108-inch load width for vehicles hauling steel pipe. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 402, 403, 404, & 405: Alcohol/Controlled Substance Violations (Reps. Lori, Pagel and Kandrevas)—revises provisions regarding operating violations involving use of alcohol or controlled substances for watercraft, ORVs, and snowmobiles. *Effective March 31, 2015.*

PA 406: Elections (Rep. Heise)—increases deposit required for recount of election results. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 408: Residential Clean Energy Program (Rep. Haveman)—allows municipality to establish a clean energy program to promote the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by residential property owners. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 418: Petition Circulators (Sen. Robertson)—allows non-state residents at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen to be a petition circulator in Michigan. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 422: Municipal Cemeteries (Sen. Hansen)—allows a municipality to establish an endowment and perpetual care fund for a municipally-owned cemetery as part of an agreement with a community foundation. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 429 & 561: Special Assessments (Rep. McCready and Sen. Pappageorge)—allows townships, when making public improvements and paying for them by special assessment payable in installments, to limit the amount of a lien on property assessed to the amount of an installment payment, and provide that the lien would not attach until the payment was due. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 456: Property Tax Exemption (Rep. Zorn)—allows a nonprofit housing property tax exemption for a maximum of three years or five years for eligible nonprofit housing property owned by a charitable nonprofit housing organization, with approval of the State Tax Commission; removes authority from local tax collecting unit and expands exemption. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 462: Law Enforcement (Sen. Schuitmaker)—provides for protocols and training for law enforcement officers to carry and administer opioid antagonists and provides for civil and criminal immunity. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 464: Electronic Voting Systems (Rep. Posthumus Lyons)—allows county clerks to consult with local township, city and village clerks to determine which approved and certified electronic voting system will be used in that county. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 467: Transportation Funding (Rep. Schmidt)—eliminates the sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel after Oct. 1, 2015, (tied to passage of ballot proposal to increase sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent). *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 468: Transportation Funding (Rep. VerHeulen)—establishes a wholesale tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 470: Vehicle Registration Fees (Rep. McCready)—modifies registration fee schedules for certain trucks and eliminates the "depreciation" of ad valorem tax rates for passenger cars, vans, and light trucks. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 471: Transportation (Rep. Schmidt)—establishes requirements for competitive bidding and performance based system for state and local road construction projects. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 472: Competitive Bidding (Rep. Cotter)—provides townships the ability to require counties to competitively bid road projects when the township is covering at least half of a road project's costs. *Effective Feb. 1, 2016 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 473: Transportation (Rep. Lauwers)—establishes requirements related to road construction project warranties. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 474: Use Tax (Rep. Poleski)—eliminates the use tax on the sale of gasoline and diesel after Oct. 1, 2015. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 475: Transportation (Rep. VerHeulen)—requires parity on gasoline and diesel fuel tax beginning Oct. 1, 2015. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015 if May 5 ballot proposal is approved by voters.*

PA 487 & 488: Street Railway Exemption (Sen. Smith and Sen. Casperson)—exempts real or personal property owned by a nonprofit street railway. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 491 & 492: (Rep. Cotter)—allows use of golf carts on local streets under certain circumstances and excludes that operation from no-fault insurance. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 499: Delinquent Property Taxes (Rep. Cavanagh)—allows a foreclosing governmental unit to create a delinquent property tax installment payment plan for the principal residence of a financially distressed person. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 500: Delinquent Property Taxes (Rep. Walsh)—allows a county treasurer to waive additional interest that must be paid when tax-delinquent forfeited property is redeemed, if the property were classified as residential and were withheld from the foreclosure petition. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 501: Delinquent Property Taxes (Sen. Hunter)—requires prospective bidders to register with the foreclosing governmental unit at least 14 days before a sale and prohibits bids on foreclosed properties from certain individuals. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 502: Tax-Reverted Property (Rep. Bumstead)—allows a foreclosing governmental unit for a county (other than the State) to acquire property owned by the state, the federal government or another governmental entity, including a land bank fast track authority, to facilitate the sale of tax-reverted property (under Section 78m of the General Property Tax Act), with the consent of the state, federal government, or other governmental entity. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 509: Local Escrow (Rep. Price)—increases the maximum escrow amount that may be escrowed for local governments from insurance claims for residential property loss to \$12,000. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 511 & 512: Property Tax Exemptions (Sen. Caswell)—creates property tax exemptions for aquaculture and hydroponics production facilities for taxes levied after Dec. 31, 2014, and imposes a specific tax on those facilities. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 515: Cancer presumption (Sen. Rocca)—provides occupational cancer presumption for certain firefighters regarding worker's compensation. *Immediate Effect/but dependent on state appropriation to start program.*

PA 535: Property Taxes (Sen. Green)—allows individuals to transfer land subject to a conservation easement by a will, trust or by intestate succession to others without an increase in property taxes. *Effective March 31, 2015.*

PA 536: Local Government Liability (Sen. Caswell)—exempts municipalities from liability for discharges from three or fewer private on-site wastewater treatment systems. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 537, 538, 539 & 541: Non-native Species (Sens. Kowall, Meekhof, Pavlov, Casperson and Walker)—increases penalties involving prohibited aquatic species. *Effective April 15, 2015.*

PA 542: Environmental Protection (Sen. Casperson)—updates cleanup requirements of contaminated property to ensure a more reliable, cost-effective and timely method for contaminated properties to be brought back into redevelopment opportunities. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 543: Environmental Protection for Scrap Tires (Sen. Kowall)—modifies existing definitions and adds new ones to regulations relating to the handling and storage of scrap tires. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 544: Drainage Districts (Sen. Robertson)—allows drain commissioners to remove obstructions from a waterway not located in an established drain in situations where the obstruction is causing damage or flooding to the established drain. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 546: Septage Waste Disposal (Rep. Goike)—eliminates sunset on exemption of requirement to dispose of septage waste at receiving facilities for owners of certain storage facilities and limits local ordinance authority. *Effective April 16, 2015.*

PA 550, 551 & 552: Drainage Districts (Rep. Pscholka)—authorizes acquisitions of interests in real or personal property by a drainage district, modifies the application process for intercounty drainage districts and authorizes the establishment of a drainage district for issues caused by highway construction or maintenance. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 553 & 554: Sales and Use Tax Collection (Sen. Ananich)—creates a statutory nexus standard and requires the Internet seller to collect the use tax based on related business activities with the state. *Effective Oct. 1, 2015.*

PA 556: Amateur Radio (Sen. Jones)—allows local regulation of amateur radio operators and creates an advisory board. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 563: FOIA (Rep. Shirkey)—modifies statewide standards for Freedom of Information Act. *Effective July 1, 2015.*

PA 564: Public Safety Communications (Rep. Haines)—allows for expansion of telecommunication services using public safety communications towers. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 568: Property Tax Collection (Rep. Price)—modifies liability for collection of taxes when local unit enters into an agreement with the county treasurer to administer some or all of the municipality's tax collection functions. *Immediate Effect.*

PA 570: Libraries (Rep. Price)—provides for the continuation of district libraries in the case of municipal reorganization (such as annexation, disincorporation, merger or consolidation) and transfers certain portions of district library districts. *Immediate Effect.*

HJR UU: Statewide Ballot Proposal (Rep. Haveman)—constitutional amendment to raise state sales tax from 6 to 7 percent and dedicate said revenue; prohibits the sales or use tax from being charged or collected on the sale or use of gasoline or diesel fuel used to operate motor vehicles beginning Oct. 1, 2015. *Effective October 1, 2015 if approved by voters.*