

Memorandum

Memo To: Township Officials

From: Bryan E. Smith, Executive Director

Date: April 4, 2018

RE: House Bill 3133 and House Bill 4637, House Amendment #1

URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!

Below is a link to House Bill 3133, sponsored by Representative Sam Yingling, which creates the Township Modernization and Consolidation Act. The bill provides that all townships in a county may be dissolved by referendum, through either citizen petition or county board ordinance. If approved in a referendum, the township functions would automatically be transferred to the county.

House Bill 3133 has been posted for a hearing in the House Government Consolidation & Modernization Committee on April 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Representative Yingling is Chairman of the Committee and it will be a very tough battle defeating this bill in committee if it is called. However, we need to make our State Representatives aware of this bill and encourage them to **vote "NO" on House Bill 3133** should it come before the House for a vote.

Also, House Bill 4637, House Amendment #1, sponsored by Representative Yingling, would allow the township boards in McHenry County to put the question on the ballot to dissolve a township. If passed, everything would be turned over to the county. The bill ALSO provides that any township in McHenry AND Lake County that has a road district with 15 or fewer miles SHALL abolish the road district with the power transferred to the township.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE TODAY IN HIS/HER HOME DISTRICT OFFICE AND ASK HIM/HER TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 3133 AND HOUSE BILL 4637, HOUSE AMENDMENT #1.

The General Assembly is out of Springfield until April 9 so it is important that you **contact your State Representative in their District Office IMMEDIATELY** so they are aware of this bad bill.

[House Bill 3133](#)

[House Bill 4637 - House Amendment #1](#)

You may fill out witness slips on-line in opposition to House Bill 3133 and House Bill 4637, House Amendment #1 by clicking here and filling out witness slips (one for each bill) in opposition.

[Witness Slips](#)

Thank you for your help with this urgent legislative matter.