

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING House Bill (HB) 6049 and SENATE BILL (SB) 1025 that seek to completely restructure the tax assessing qualifications, process and boundaries of local assessing units in Michigan

WHEREAS, House Bill (HB) 6049 and Senate Bill (SB) 1025 seeks to completely restructure the tax assessing qualifications, process and boundaries of local assessing units in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 will impose a huge financial burden on Tuscola County as well as Michigan's other counties and local units because its mandates will require increased staffing levels and office space while providing a woefully inadequate 1% administrative fee and undefined "start-up funding" to compensate the counties and other local units for the drastic expenses that will surely accompany the new mandates; and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 will put Tuscola County at odds with its local townships by requiring us to take the 1% administration fee from the local units to pay for our increased costs; and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 changes the manner in which local boards of review (BOR) are conducted. By putting specialized BOR's at the county level, HB 6049/SB 1025 has the potential to strip elected townships supervisors and local assessing units of control over the tax assessing process, depriving them of the ability to account for unique conditions and values unknown to county-wide, regional and/or statewide assessing units but well known in the local units; and

WHEREAS, there are no guarantees that quality education will be available locally or even regionally to allow for the increased certification imposed by HB 6049/SB 1025; and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025's proposed levels of certification for assessors will not achieve the results that are being sought. The real problem is bad assessors, not their levels of certification. The solution lies in better policing of assessors by the State Tax Commission, not simply imposing increased educational requirement that may be impossible to achieve and that do nothing to weed out the bad assessors; and

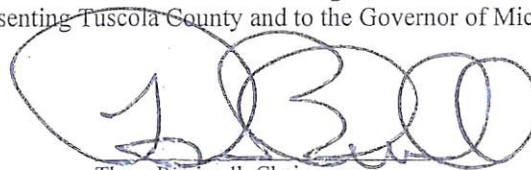
WHEREAS, Tuscola County views HB 6049/SB 1025 in its current form as an unfunded mandate which does little or nothing to accomplish its stated goals; be it,

RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes HB 6049/SB 1025 and asks that it be referred back to the House Tax Policy Committee and the Senate Finance Committee until the funding issues and other problems identified above can be properly addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose HB 6049/SB 1025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all counties in Michigan, and each member of the Michigan State Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives representing Tuscola County and to the Governor of Michigan.

Date 8-16-18



Thom Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on August 16, 2018

Date 8-16-18



Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk