

GENESEE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 2021-200

**SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century — road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that GENESEE COUNTY supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

Adopted this 24 day of March 2021



STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of Genesee

CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD

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I, **JOHN J. GLEASON**, County Clerk/Register of the County of Genesee, Michigan, and Clerk of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution approving of a Resolution Supporting the Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year Terms for County Commissioners with original record thereof now remaining in my office, and that the attached is a true and correct copy therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 30th day of March A.D. 2021.

GENESEE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Resolution No.: 2021-200
Date Adopted: March 24, 2021

JOHN J. GLEASON, Clerk/Register

BY:

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Deputy County Clerk