

# DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION #23-05

### FOR THE OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE (HB 4479 & 4480 SB 299 & 300)

AT A MEETING OF THE /BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
HELD AT DELTA COUNTY SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM, ON JUNE 6, 2023,

RESOLUTION - OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE IN  
DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delta, Michigan, does hereby find  
as follows:

WHEREAS, House Bills 4479 and 4480 and Senate Bills 299 and 300 would amend section  
12752 and add Part 128 to the Public Health Code and establish state and local standards for  
onsite wastewater treatment systems which would require the Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality to develop a statewide code to govern the installation, operation,  
maintenance and inspection of septic systems;

WHEREAS, the amendatory Act restricts and removes local controls and changes existing  
regulations and guidelines that have been effectively enforced by counties and health  
departments across the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Amendatory Act would add additional mandates that would increase the  
amount of personnel time and expenses that Upper Peninsula Health Departments would incur  
under the new Act without adequate funding from the state; and

WHEREAS, the Amendatory Act would gut existing regulations and grant the Michigan  
Department of Environmental Quality authority to approve local sanitary codes which, in effect,  
eliminates local control and undermines the duties of local health department to implement and  
enforce laws; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality lacks the necessary budget  
and staffing levels to meet the mandates of this Amendatory Act which will place additional  
financial burden on local authorities; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the State Technical Advisory Committee under the Act would take away and replace local control of the design, permitting, inspection and management of onsite wastewater treatment facilities and limit input into the rulemaking process to four local health department representatives; and

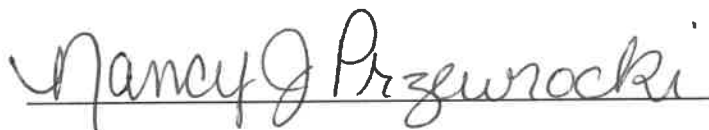
WHEREAS, the Amendatory Act fails to address funding for distressed homeowners and vacated properties with onsite wastewater treatment systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Delta, Michigan, opposes House Bill 4479, House Bill 4480, Senate Bill 299, and Senate Bill 300 and requests State Legislators to oppose the legislation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Delta County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Dated: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board of Commissioners, County of Delta, MI



Attest

Nancy J. Przewrocki  
Clerk, Board of Commissioners  
County of Delta, State of Michigan

