

# DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 4138 (H-4), PRESUMPTIVE PAROLE

**WHEREAS,** Our County will not support violent felons being released on parole without a full and detailed evaluation by an educated and experienced parole board. Violent felons should not be presumed eligible for parole at their earliest prison release date.

**WHEREAS,** Our County recognizes that 23% of parolees and 24% of probationers are rearrested within one year of release from supervision and 50% of offenders entering prison are sentenced for violating probation or parole. See: Michigan Department of Corrections, 2013 Statistical Report.

**WHEREAS,** The above mentioned statistics show that public safety is compromised by the early release of convicted felons.

**WHEREAS,** The above mentioned statistics also show that the probation and parole systems are currently underfunded and could not handle an additional influx of probationer or parolees.

**WHEREAS,** It is also apparent that without investment in front-end probation and parole services, the cycle of jail and prison will not end, and local communities will continue to see the negative consequences of repeat offenders that have not been adequately rehabilitated.

**WHEREAS,** Our County has been directly affected by parolees imported to our community by way of contracts with the Michigan Department of Corrections and opportunist landlords. These low-income housing units are minimally maintained. The units have been established in our historic residential and business districts and overall have caused public safety and property value issues in these neighborhoods. Additional fast tracks to parole would continue to have this affect in our community and across the state.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** After being fully informed by our County Administrator, County Prosecutor and law enforcement representatives, and for the reasons stated, the Delta County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 4138 (H-4), presumptive parole, as written and to urges you to exempt violent crimes from eligibility. Further, we urge that any savings be directed to the local services that will be burdened by this legislation.

I, Nancy Kolich, Delta County Clerk and Clerk of the Delta County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners held on October 20, 2015.

I, Nancy Kolich, Delta County Clerk do hereby set my hand and seal this 20th day of October, 2015.

  
Nancy Kolich, Delta County Clerk

