

# DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION # 19-12 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

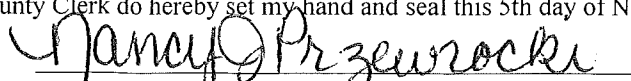
**WHEREAS** legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of House bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **DELTA COUNTY** supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

I, Nancy Przewrocki, 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 November 5, 2019.

I, Nancy Przewrocki, Delta County Clerk do hereby set my hand and seal this 5th day of November, 2019.

  
Nancy J. Przewrocki, Delta County Clerk

