

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**RESOLUTION #2018-10
OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES
TO THE STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE (HB 5752 & HB 5753)**

WHEREAS, House Bills 5752 and 5753 would 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 departments 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 an 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;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Alger County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 5752 and HB 5753 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 Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg

Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: July 16, 2018