

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #17178

June 15, 2017

BY: General Government Committee, Christine Long, Chairperson

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT HB 4651 AND SB 400 – AMEND PUBLIC ACT 32 OF 1986, EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE ENABLING ACT

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Michigan House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, which would amend Public Act 32 of 1986 entitled the "Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act"; and

WHEREAS these bills would amend the funding system for 9-1-1 so that all communication devices that have access to 9-1-1, including prepaid wireless devices, contribute equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations; and

WHEREAS these bills provide a stable funding source for the counties to support their migration to Next Generation 9-1-1 and ongoing operational levels of service for 9-1-1 to its residents; and

WHEREAS these bills afford the State and Counties collecting 9-1-1 fees a mechanism for court action should any service providers fail to collect and remit the fees; and

WHEREAS these bills have a mechanism that provides the necessary checks and balances to ensure revenues generated are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS these authorized expenditures are limited to those directly related to receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls and the subsequent dispatching of responders via a public safety radio; and

WHEREAS such limitation of expenditures has historically met the criteria established through the courts to define 9-1-1 surcharge as a fee for service directly related to telephone services; and

WHEREAS any attempt to amend HB4651 and SB400 for other State of Michigan general fund purposes not directly related to 9-1-1 may not meet the criteria of a fee for service and could be viewed as a tax increase for the residents of Oakland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer our support of HB4651 and SB400 as introduced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners opposes amending HB4651 and SB400 to include any additional State of Michigan taxes on telephone service customers under the guise of 9-1-1 surcharge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Oakland County members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the members of the State House Communications and Technology Committee and the members of the State Senate Energy and Technology Committee. Chairperson, on behalf of the General Government Committee, I move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

Christine Long

Commissioner Christine Long, District #7
Chairperson, General Government Committee

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE VOTE:

Motion carried on a roll call vote with Gershenson, Woodward and Quarles voting no.