

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2012-14

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 5804

WHEREAS, House Bill 5804 would create the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act which would empower the Commission to craft a structure for overseeing the indigent legal defense program for low income defendants, and;

WHEREAS, the bill would create another layer of government to regulate which would be an autonomous entity and would have the authority to establish minimum standards for the local delivery of criminal trial defense services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission would have the authority to hire employees, craft a budget and generally perform the same functions County governments have been effectively doing for the past 188 years, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan does not need to create another layer of government and related regulations, and;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission may force counties to unnecessarily increase operating expenditures for indigent legal defense, which will add additional burdens to already struggling local governments, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Michigan Senate oppose the passage of House Bill 5804 or any similar bill.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2012.




Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on December 17, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this December 20, 2012 at Munising, Michigan.


Mary Ann Froberg

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