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**Legislative Alert**

January 14, 2010

Representative Bill Crawford introduced House Bill 1181 which calls for a statewide referendum on the November ballot to eliminate townships. The referendum would require a “no” vote to eliminate township government in that particular township. On Monday January 11th the bill was **approved 11-0** by the House Government and Regulatory Reform committee, the same committee that killed last year’s bill!

It will be very difficult to defeat this bill, but every Trustee should contact their legislators as soon as possible. As you know, the referendum tactic was used to eliminate over 90% of the township assessors two years ago. It will require a united effort to pass the referendum.

Senator Connie Lawson, who sponsored last year’s bill to eliminate townships, has introduced Senate Bill 240 restricting township budgets, prohibiting relatives of township officers or employees from being employed by the township, and other language restricting townships. Although this bill is less likely to pass, Trustees should contact their legislators to defeat it.

John Rooda, UTA President

**Note: HB 1181 passed the House 54-44**