

July 18, 2025

## Term of office change advances from House committee

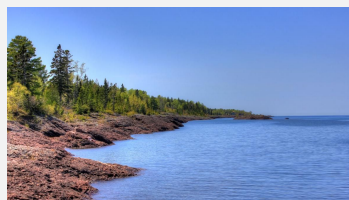
All elected township officials would begin their term of office no earlier than Dec. 1 under legislation approved by the House Committee on Election Integrity. [House Bill 4699](#), sponsored by Rep. Joseph Fox (R-Sherman Twp.), would change the term for all elected township officers to commence at noon on Dec. 1 following the officer's November election. Similar bills were also reported to move the start date for all newly elected city and village officials to Dec. 1. The date change is to ensure elected officials' election results are certified prior to taking the oath of office. Similar legislation was also passed by the Senate earlier this year. HB 4699 will next be considered by the full House.

## Become an Infrastructure Asset Management Champion

Township officials and staff are invited to apply by Aug. 8 for the [Infrastructure Asset Management Champions Program](#) aimed at promoting infrastructure asset management across the state. Through the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC), the program will begin on Aug. 12 and run through November 2025. Asset management practices provide a data-driven decision-making framework that holistically manages costs and risks across the organization to meet its goals and objectives, enabling communities to generate more value from assets over their entire service life. This program equips participants with tools to educate their organizations on practical asset management, fostering a proactive and strategic approach to overcome deferred maintenance challenges. The AM Champions Program is approved for up to 2.5 continuing education credits for drinking water operators, with professional engineer graduates also eligible for continuing education credits, based on contact hours.

## Coastal management resources webinar

Officials of communities along our Great Lakes are uniquely tasked with preparing, recovering and adapting to living along the longest freshwater coastline in the nation. On Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. township leaders and staff can join a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy [webinar](#) to learn about technical and financial assistance available to coastal communities from the [Michigan Coastal Management Program](#).



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**New state recreation search platform**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has launched its new [RecSearch website](#) to improve outdoor adventurers' ability to browse state parks and recreation areas, campgrounds, state forest campgrounds and nonmotorized trails. The advanced filter feature enables users to refine their search of state facilities with hundreds of different available amenities, from picnic areas to fishing piers, lodging options, trail rules, accessibility accommodations and much more.

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