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[No. 98]

(HB 4733)

AN ACT to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "An act to create certain renaissance zones; to foster economic opportunities in this state; to facilitate economic development; to stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements; to prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration of geographic areas in this state; to authorize expenditures; to provide exemptions and credits from certain taxes; to create certain obligations of this state and local governmental units; to require disclosure of certain transactions and gifts; to provide for appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local departments, agencies, and officials," by amending the title and sections 3 and 5 (MCL 125.2683 and 125.2685) and by adding sections 8a and 8b.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

TITLE

An act to create and expand certain renaissance zones; to foster economic opportunities in this state; to facilitate economic development; to stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements; to prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration of geographic areas in this state; to authorize expenditures; to provide exemptions and credits from certain taxes; to create certain obligations of this state and local governmental units; to require disclosure of certain transactions and gifts; to provide for appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local departments, agencies, and officials.

125.2683 Definitions. [M.S.A. 3.540(2683)]

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

- (a) "Board" means the state administrative board created in 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3.
- (b) "Development plan" means a written plan that addresses the criteria in section 7 and includes all of the following:
  - (i) A map of the proposed renaissance zone that indicates the geographic boundaries, the total area, and the present use and conditions generally of the land and structures within those boundaries.
  - (ii) Evidence of community support and commitment from residential and business interests.
  - (iii) A description of the methods proposed to increase economic opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure improvement, and identify job training opportunities.
  - (iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteristics of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improvements in education, health, human services, public safety, and employment if the renaissance zone is created.
  - (v) Any other information required by the board.
- (c) "Elected county executive" means the elected county executive in a county organized under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to 45.521, or 1973 PA 139, MCL 45.551 to 45.573.
- (d) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village, or township.
- (e) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

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(f) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the following:

(i) A county.

(ii) A city, village, or township that contains an eligible distressed area as defined in section 11 of the state housing development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1411.

(g) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated under this act.

(h) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined in section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ff.

(i) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board created in section 5.

(j) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the boundaries of an urban area.

(k) "Urban area" means an urbanized area as determined by the economics and statistics administration, United States bureau of the census according to the 1990 census.

125.2685 Renaissance zone review board; creation; membership; review of applications; recommendations; submission date; compensation; reimbursement for travel and expenses.

[M.S.A. 3.540(2685)]

Sec. 5. (1) The renaissance zone review board is created. The review board shall consist of the board of the Michigan strategic fund described in section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2004.

(2) The review board shall review all applications submitted by qualified local governmental units and make recommendations to the board for approval based on the criteria contained in section 7.

(3) The review board and the board shall not consider an application if the application was submitted after September 30, 1996 for designations under section 8.

(4) Members of the board and the review board shall serve without compensation for their membership on the board and the review board, but members of the board and the review board may receive reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses.

125.2688a Additional renaissance zones; designation.

[M.S.A. 3.540(2688a)]

Sec. 8a. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), and (4), the board shall not designate more than 9 additional renaissance zones within this state under this section. Not more than 6 of the renaissance zones shall be located in urban areas and not more than 4 of the renaissance zones shall be located in rural areas. For purposes of determining whether a renaissance zone is located in an urban area or rural area under this section, if any part of a renaissance zone is located within an urban area, the entire renaissance zone shall be considered to be located in an urban area.

(2) The board of the Michigan strategic fund described in section 4 of the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2004, may designate not more than 5 additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more cities, villages, or townships if that city, village, or township or combination of cities, villages, or townships consents to the creation of a renaissance zone within their boundaries.

(3) In addition to the not more than 9 additional renaissance zones described in subsection (1), the board may designate additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more qualified local governmental units if that qualified local governmental unit or units contain a military installation that was operated by the United States department of defense and has closed after 1990.

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(4) Land owned by a county or the qualified local governmental unit or units adjacent to a zone as described in subsection (3) may be included in this zone.

125.2688b Applicability of §§ 15.261 to 15.275 to local governmental units. [M.S.A. 3.540(2688b)]

Sec. 8b. It is the intent of the legislature that local governmental units subject to this act shall follow all state statutes that relate to condemnation of property and the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

Conditional effective date.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 625 of the 90th Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved July 6, 1999.

Filed with Secretary of State July 6, 1999.

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**Compiler's note:** Senate Bill No. 625, referred to in enacting section 1, was filed with Secretary of State October 11, 1999, and became P.A. 1999, No. 139, Eff. Oct. 11, 1999.

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