

HOUSE BILL No. 4654

April 24, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Mead, Pumford, Gilbert, Hager, Meyer, Shackleton, Kowall, Jelinek, Allen, Bradstreet, Vear, Ehardt, Frank, Neumann, Vander Roest, Van Woerkom, Caul, Julian, DeRossett and Jansen and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"
by amending sections 3, 8, and 8c (MCL 125.2683, 125.2688, and
125.2688c), section 3 as amended and section 8c as added by 2000
PA 259 and section 8 as amended by 1999 PA 139.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Agricultural processing facility" means 1 or more
3 facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, or grade
4 livestock or livestock products, agricultural commodities, or
5 plants or plant products, WHICH ARE GROWN OR PRODUCED IN THIS
6 STATE, into goods that are used for intermediate or final con-
7 sumption including goods for nonfood use, and surrounding
8 property.

1 (b) "Board" means the state administrative board created in
2 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3.

3 (c) "Development plan" means a written plan that addresses
4 the criteria in section 7 and includes all of the following:

5 (i) A map of the proposed renaissance zone that indicates
6 the geographic boundaries, the total area, and the present use
7 and conditions generally of the land and structures within those
8 boundaries.

9 (ii) Evidence of community support and commitment from resi-
10 dential and business interests.

11 (iii) A description of the methods proposed to increase eco-
12 nomic opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure
13 improvement, and identify job training opportunities.

14 (iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteris-
15 tics of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improve-
16 ments in education, health, human services, public safety, and
17 employment if the renaissance zone is created.

18 (v) Any other information required by the board.

19 (d) "Elected county executive" means the elected county
20 executive in a county organized under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to
21 45.521, or 1973 PA 139, MCL 45.551 to 45.573.

22 (e) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village,
23 or township.

24 (f) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
25 association, limited liability company, governmental entity, or
26 other legal entity.

1 (g) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the
2 following:

3 (i) A county.

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

7 (h) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated
8 under this act.

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

12 (j) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board
13 created in section 5.

14 (k) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the
15 boundaries of an urban area.

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

19 Sec. 8. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), ~~and~~
20 section 8a, AND SECTION 8C, the board shall not designate more
21 than 9 renaissance zones within this state. Not more than 6 of
22 the renaissance zones shall be located in urban areas and not
23 more than 4 of the renaissance zones shall be located in rural
24 areas. For purposes of determining whether a renaissance zone is
25 located in an urban area or rural area under this section, if any
26 part of a renaissance zone is located within an urban area, the

1 entire renaissance zone shall be considered to be located in an
2 urban area.

3 (2) The board may designate additional renaissance zones
4 within this state in 1 or more qualified local governmental units
5 if that qualified local governmental unit or units contain a mil-
6 itary installation that was operated by the United States depart-
7 ment of defense and has closed after 1990.

8 (3) Each renaissance zone designated by the board under
9 section 8a shall be submitted to the legislature, which, by con-
10 current resolution adopted by a majority vote of those elected to
11 and serving in each house, on a record roll call vote, may reject
12 that designation no later than the earlier of 45 days following
13 the date of the designation by the board or December 31 of the
14 year of designation.

15 Sec. 8c. (1) The board, upon recommendation of the board of
16 the Michigan strategic fund defined in section 4 of the Michigan
17 strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2004, may designate ~~not~~
18 ~~more than 10 additional~~ AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF renaissance zones
19 for agricultural processing facilities within this state in 1 or
20 more cities, villages, or townships if that city, village, or
21 township or combination of cities, villages, or townships con-
22 sents to the creation of a renaissance zone for an agricultural
23 processing facility within their boundaries.

24 (2) Each renaissance zone designated for an agricultural
25 processing facility under this section shall be 1 continuous dis-
26 tinct geographic area.

1 (3) The board may revoke the designation of all or a portion
2 of a renaissance zone for an agricultural processing facility if
3 the board determines that the agricultural processing facility
4 fails to commence operation or ceases operation in a renaissance
5 zone designated under this section.

6 (4) THE BOARD SHALL NOT DESIGNATE A RENAISSANCE ZONE FOR
7 AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING FACILITIES WITHIN THIS STATE UNLESS THE
8 DESIGNATION WILL CREATE NEW JOBS WITHIN THIS STATE.