

HOUSE BILL No. 5028

July 17, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Opsommer and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 125.2683), as amended by 2006 PA 304.

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, excluding forest products, into goods
6 that are used for intermediate or final consumption including goods
7 for nonfood use, and surrounding property.

8 (b) "Board" means the state administrative board created in
9 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3.

10 (c) "Development plan" means a written plan that addresses the

1 criteria in section 7 and includes all of the following:

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

6 (ii) Evidence of community support and commitment from
7 residential and business interests.

8 (iii) A description of the methods proposed to increase economic
9 opportunity and expansion, facilitate infrastructure improvement,
10 and identify job training opportunities.

11 (iv) Current social, economic, and demographic characteristics
12 of the proposed renaissance zone and anticipated improvements in
13 education, health, human services, public safety, and employment if
14 the renaissance zone is created.

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

16 (d) "Elected county executive" means the elected county
17 executive in a county organized under 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to
18 45.521, or 1973 PA 139, MCL 45.551 to 45.573.

19 (e) "Forest products processing facility" means 1 or more
20 facilities or operations that transform, package, sort, recycle, or
21 grade forest or paper products into goods that are used for
22 intermediate or final use or consumption or for the creation of
23 biomass or alternative fuels through the utilization of forest
24 products or forest residue, and surrounding property. Forest
25 products processing facility does not include an existing facility
26 or operation that is located in this state that relocates to a
27 renaissance zone for a forest products processing facility. Forest

1 products processing facility does not include a facility or
2 operation that engages primarily in retail sales.

3 (f) "Local governmental unit" means a county, city, village,
4 or township.

5 (g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
6 association, limited liability company, governmental entity, or
7 other legal entity.

8 (h) "Qualified local governmental unit" means either of the
9 following:

10 (i) A county.

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

14 (i) "Recovery zone" means a tool and die renaissance recovery
15 zone created in section 8d.

16 (j) "Renaissance zone" means a geographic area designated
17 under this act.

18 (k) "Renewable energy facility" means a system that creates
19 energy from a process using **AGRICULTURAL CROPS**; residues from
20 agricultural products, forest products, paper products industries,
21 and food production and processing; trees and grasses grown
22 specifically to be used as energy crops; and gaseous fuels produced
23 from solid biomass, animal wastes, or landfills.

24 (l) "Residential rental property" means that term as defined in
25 section 7ff of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL
26 211.7ff.

27 (m) "Review board" means the renaissance zone review board

1 created in section 5.

2 (n) "Rural area" means an area that lies outside of the
3 boundaries of an urban area.

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