COUNTY REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS
Act 182 of 1990

AN ACT to require this state and certain counties to redistribute certain payments received from the federal government; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 1990, Act 182, Imd. Eff. July 18, 1990;—Am. 2003, Act 6, Imd. Eff. May 9, 2003.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

141.1301 Definitions.

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "County payment program" means the program authorized under chapter 192, 35 Stat. 260, 16 U.S.C. 500, including the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000.

(b) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(c) "Director" means the director of the department.

(d) "Full payment amount" and "25-percent payment" mean those terms as defined in the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000.

(e) "Local school district" means that term as defined in section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6.

(f) "National forest" means federally owned land for which money is paid to the state under the county payment program, as that land is situated on June 30 of the fiscal year for which the money is paid.

(g) "Secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000" means sections 1(a), 2, and 3 and titles I to IV of Public Law 106-393, 114 Stat. 1607, 16 U.S.C. 500 nt, as amended by section 751 of title VII of the agriculture, rural development, food and drug administration, and related agencies appropriations act, 2002, Public Law 107-76, 115 Stat. 739.

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Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of department of natural resources to department of natural resources and environment, and abolishment of department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2009-31, compiled at MCL 324.99919.

For transfer of powers and duties of department of natural resources and environment to department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2011-1, compiled at MCL 324.99921.

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141.1302 Redistribution of federal payments; purposes; ratio; apportionment of money among local school districts and townships.

Sec. 2. A county that receives a payment under section 33 of title III of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act, 7 U.S.C. 1012, shall redistribute that payment in a ratio of 75% to local school districts for school purposes and 25% to townships for the improvement of county roads within those townships. The treasurer of the county shall apportion among the local school districts and townships, in an equitable manner consistent with criteria determined by resolution of the county board of commissioners, money redistributed under this section.

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141.1303 Expenditure of money received under county payment act; distribution; notification; election to receive full payment or 25% payment amount; redistribution; duties of county treasurer; refusal to accept payment.

Sec. 3. (1) All money received under the county payment program shall be expended for the purposes described under chapter 192, 35 Stat. 260, 16 U.S.C. 500, including the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000. The department shall distribute money received under the county payment program to county treasurers in accordance with annual amounts provided by the United States department of agriculture, forest service, under the county payment program.

(2) Not later than September 30 of each year, the county board of commissioners of a county that is eligible to receive a payment under the county payment program shall provide written notification to the director and the United States secretary of agriculture that indicates the county board of commissioners' election to receive either the full payment amount or the 25-percent payment amount. The election by a county board of commissioners is subject to all of the following:

(a) An election made by a county board of commissioners to receive the full payment amount shall remain in effect through fiscal year 2006.

(b) An election by a county board of commissioners to receive the 25-percent payment amount shall remain in effect for 2 fiscal years.

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(c) If a county board of commissioners fails to provide notification to the United States secretary of agriculture, the county is considered to have elected to receive the 25-percent payment amount.

(d) If a county board of commissioners elects to receive the full payment amount, the written notification shall also include the total amount of the payment that will be set aside for each of the uses provided for in subsection (5)(b) and the county board of commissioners shall provide a copy of the notification to the United States secretary of agriculture.

(e) If a county board of commissioners that has elected to receive the full payment amount fails to provide notification to the United States secretary of agriculture by September 30 of any year, the county treasurer of that county shall return 15% of the payment received for that fiscal year to the general treasury of the United States and the county shall use the remaining funds for the purposes set forth in subsection (4).

(3) As required under the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000, the governor shall provide written notification to the United States secretary of agriculture of the election by each eligible county.

(4) If a county board of commissioners elects to receive the 25-percent payment amount, the county treasurer of that county shall redistribute all of the money in a ratio of 75% to local school districts for school purposes and 25% to townships for the improvement of county roads within those townships. The money redistributed under this subsection shall be apportioned among the local school districts and townships in the same proportion as the national forest acreage in each school district or township is to the total national forest acreage in the county.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6), if a county board of commissioners elects to receive the full payment amount, the county treasurer shall do both of the following:

(a) Redistribute not less than 80% and not more than 85% of the funds as provided for in subsection (4).

(b) Set aside the remaining funds for 1 or more of the following:

(*i*) Reserve the balance for special projects on federal lands as provided for in title II of the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000.

(*ii*) Reserve the balance for county projects as provided for in title III of the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000.

(*iii*) Return the balance to the general treasury of the United States.

(6) If a county board of commissioners elects to receive the full payment amount, for any fiscal year the payment to the county is less than $100,000.00, the county board of commissioners may elect to distribute the funds as provided for in subsection (4).

(7) Upon expiration of the election provisions of the secure rural schools and community self-determination act of 2000, a county treasurer that receives payment under this section shall redistribute all of the money as provided for in subsection (4).

(8) At the request of the department, a county treasurer shall provide information to the department related to the distribution of funds under this act as necessary for the department to meet its obligations under federal law.

(9) The county board of commissioners of a county that is eligible to receive a payment under the county payment program may refuse to accept the payment by returning the payment amount to the general treasury of the United States.

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141.1304 Repeal of MCL 388.831 to 388.833.

Sec. 4. Act No. 37 of the Public Acts of 1933, being sections 388.831 to 388.833 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is repealed.

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