

**FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU**  
**Act 306 of 1931**

AN ACT to authorize cities and villages of this state to create, acquire, control, and operate free employment bureaus.

**History:** 1931, Act 306, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1931.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**123.451 Free employment bureau; power of city or village legislative body.**

Sec. 1. The legislative body of any city or village in this state is hereby authorized to create, acquire, control, and operate free employment bureaus within the limits of said cities and villages, and may use for such purpose any property suitable therefor that is now or may at any time hereafter be owned, leased, or controlled by such city or village.

**History:** 1931, Act 306, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1931;—CL 1948, 123.451.

**123.452 Free employment bureau; purpose, name, registration fees, powers and duties.**

Sec. 2. Such employment bureaus shall be established for the purpose of receiving applications of persons seeking employment and applications of persons seeking to employ labor. Such bureaus shall be designated and known as municipal or village public employment bureaus as the case may be. The cities and villages creating public employment bureaus authorized by this act may require the payment by all persons seeking employment a registration fee of not more than 1 dollar for the period of 1 year. For each fee there shall be issued a receipt which shall be in triplicate; 1 copy to be given to the applicant, 1 copy to be filed in the local office and 1 copy to be filed in the office of the department of labor and industry at Lansing. Every person paying such registration fee shall be entitled without further charge for the period of 1 year, to the service, of any municipal or village public employment bureau within the city or village wherein the applicant registered. It shall be the duty of such bureaus to use all diligence in securing the cooperation of employers of labor with the purpose and objects of said employment bureau. To this end it shall be competent for the legislative bodies of such cities and villages to advertise in the columns of newspapers or to use other mediums for such situations as it or its employes and agents have applicants to fill, and for such help as may be called for by employers. Said legislative bodies of the cities and villages may also advertise in a general way for the cooperation of large contractors and employers, in such trade journals or special publications as reach such employers, whether such trade journals are published within the city or village or not, and it may pursue such other methods as in their judgment will best tend to accomplish the purpose of this act: Provided, That all persons in charge of such public employment bureaus shall devote their entire time to the work of their office while receiving salary or wages from the city or village.

**History:** 1931, Act 306, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1931;—CL 1948, 123.452.

**123.453 Free employment bureau; registration fund.**

Sec. 3. All moneys received by the cities or villages under the provisions of section 2 of this act shall be set aside and shall be known as the public employment bureau registration fund and shall be used and disbursed under the direction of the legislative body of such city or village for the purpose of conducting, maintaining and improving such employment bureaus.

**History:** 1931, Act 306, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1931;—CL 1948, 123.453.

**123.454 Free employment bureau; property.**

Sec. 4. Any property acquired, owned, leased, controlled or occupied by such cities and villages for the purposes enumerated herein shall and is hereby declared to be acquired, owned, controlled or occupied for a public purpose and as a matter of public necessity, and such cities and villages shall have the right to acquire property for such purpose or purposes under the power of eminent domain as and for a public necessity and in accordance with the procedure as outlined in their charter or in the statutes of this state.

**History:** 1931, Act 306, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1931;—CL 1948, 123.454.

**123.455 Free employment bureau; delegation of powers by legislative body.**

Sec. 5. The powers herein enumerated may be delegated by the said legislative body of the city or village to any department, commission or agency of such city or village as may be designated or created by such legislative body.

**History:** 1931, Act 306, Imd. Eff. June 8, 1931;—CL 1948, 123.455.