

**HOUSING COOPERATION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 293 of 1937**

**125.604 Cooperation in housing projects; powers.**

Sec. 4.

Cooperation in undertaking housing projects. For the purpose of aiding and cooperating in the planning, undertaking, construction or operation of housing projects located within the area in which it is authorized to act, any state public body may upon such terms, with or without consideration, as it may determine in the manner prescribed in section 7 hereof:

(a) Dedicate, sell, convey or lease any of its property to a housing commission, housing authority or the federal government;

(b) Cause parks, playgrounds, recreational, community, educational, water, sewage or drainage facilities, or any other works which it is otherwise empowered to undertake, to be furnished adjacent to or in connection with housing projects;

(c) Furnish, dedicate, close, pave, install, grade, regrade, plan or replan streets, roads, roadways, alleys, sidewalks or other places which it is otherwise empowered to undertake;

(d) Plan or replan, zone or rezone any part of such state public body; make exceptions from building regulations and ordinances; any city or town also may change its map;

(e) Enter into agreements, which may extend over any period, notwithstanding any provision or rule of law to the contrary, with a housing commission, housing authority or the federal government respecting action to be taken by such state public body pursuant to any of the powers granted by this act;

(f) Do any and all things, necessary or convenient to aid and cooperate in the planning, undertaking, construction or operation of such housing projects;

(g) Cause services to be furnished with respect to a housing project of the character which such state public body is otherwise empowered to furnish;

(h) Enter into agreements with respect to the exercise by such state public body of its powers relating to the repair, elimination or closing of unsafe, insanitary or unfit dwellings; and

(i) With respect to a housing project of a housing commission created for a state public body such state public body may enter into the agreements referred to in section 27 of Act No. 18 of the Public Acts of the extra session of 1933, as amended, regarding the amount, if any, of the reserve for taxation purposes.

(j) With respect to any housing project which a housing commission, housing authority or state public body has acquired or taken over from the federal government and which the housing authority, housing commission or state public body by resolution has found and declared to have been constructed in a manner that will promote the public interest and afford necessary safety, sanitation and other protection, no state public body shall require any changes to be made in the housing project or the manner of its construction or take any other action relating to such construction.

(k) In connection with any public improvements made by a state public body in exercising the powers herein granted, such state public body may incur the entire expense thereof. Any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding, any sale, conveyance, lease or agreement provided for in this section may be made by a state public body without appraisal, public notice, advertisement or public bidding.

(l) In order to insure proper employment of qualified personnel by housing commissions, any state public body for which a housing commission has been created may prescribe, notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, by resolution of the governing body the method of selection and payment of the employees of such commission.

**History:** 1937, Act 293, Eff. Oct. 29, 1937 ;-- Am. 1938, Ex. Sess., Act 6, Imd. Eff. Sept. 8, 1938 ;-- CL 1948, 125.604

**Compiler's Notes:** For provisions of section 27 of Act 18 of 1933, Ex. Sess., referred to in subdivision (i), see MCL 125.677. Section 2 of Act 6 of 1938, Ex. Sess., provides: "The powers conferred by this act shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers conferred by any other law."