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GRAND RAPIDS CONVENTION FACILITY AUTHORITY

**Senate Bill 867 with House
committee amendments
Addendum to SFA analysis (12-7-99)**

**Sponsor: Sen. Glenn D. Steil
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and
State Affairs
House Committee: Local Government
and Urban Policy**

ADDENDUM TO SENATE FISCAL AGENCY ANALYSIS OF SB 867 DATED 11-5-99:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The House Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy adopted two amendments to Senate Bill 867 (S-1). The first amendment clarifies the definition of “qualified county,” and the second amendment allows an elected official to be appointed to the convention authority’s board.

Under the bill as amended, “qualified county” would mean a county with a population of more than 500,000 that contains a qualified city, and that is not a charter county or a county with an optional unified form of government. The amendment relocates a clause of five words--“that contains a qualified city”--from the end of the definition and places it closer to the object that the clause modifies. The change in the structure of the sentence ensures that the bill applies only Kent County and the City of Grand Rapids.

Further, the bill was amended to specify that notwithstanding a charter provision of a qualified city to the contrary, a member of the legislative body or other city official of the qualified city would be eligible to serve as a member of the seven-member board of directors that is established under the act. Without this provision, the City of Grand Rapids could not appoint an elected official to the authority’s board, due to a prohibition on such appointments in the city charter.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Treasury supports the bill. (12-2-99)

A consortium of Grand Rapids business and government officials from Grand Action, the City of Grand Rapids, and Kent County offered testimony in support of the bill. (12-2-99)

The Michigan Municipal League supports the bill. (12-2-99)

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