SENATE BILL No. 859

November 29, 2001, Introduced by Senator JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, entitled "Urban cooperation act of 1967,"

by amending section 7 (MCL 124.507), as amended by 1985 PA 10.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 7. (1) An interlocal agreement may provide for a sepa-
- 2 rate legal or administrative entity to administer or execute the
- 3 agreement which may be a commission, board, or council consti-
- 4 tuted pursuant to the agreement. The entity shall be a public
- 5 body, corporate or politic for the purposes of this act. The
- 6 governing body of each public agency shall appoint a member of
- 7 the commission, board, or council constituted pursuant to the
- 8 agreement. That member may be removed by the appointing govern-
- 9 ing body at will. The administrative or legal entity shall not
- 10 be operated for profit. No part of its earnings shall inure to
- 11 the benefit of a person other than the public agencies which

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- 1 THAT created it. Upon termination of the interlocal agreement,
- 2 title to all property owned by the entity shall vest in the
- 3 public agencies which THAT incorporated it.
- 4 (2) A separate legal or administrative entity created by an
- 5 interlocal agreement shall possess the common power specified in
- 6 the agreement and may exercise it in the manner or according to
- 7 the method provided in the agreement. The entity may be, in
- 8 addition to its other powers, authorized in its own name to make
- 9 and enter into contracts, to employ agencies or employees, to
- 10 acquire, construct, manage, maintain, or operate buildings,
- 11 works, or improvements, to acquire, hold, or dispose of property,
- 12 to incur debts, liabilities, or obligations which THAT, except
- 13 as expressly authorized by the parties, do not constitute the
- 14 debts, liabilities, or obligations of any of the parties to the
- 15 agreement, to cooperate with a public agency, an agency or
- 16 instrumentality of that public agency, or another legal or admin-
- 17 istrative entity created by that public agency under this act, to
- 18 make loans from the proceeds of gifts, grants, assistance funds,
- 19 or bequests pursuant to the terms of the interlocal agreement
- 20 creating the entity, and to form other entities necessary to fur-
- 21 ther the purpose of the interlocal agreement. The entity may sue
- 22 and be sued in its own name.
- 23 (3) No separate legal or administrative entity created by an
- 24 interlocal agreement shall possess the power or authority to levy
- 25 any type of tax within the boundaries of any governmental unit
- 26 participating in the interlocal agreement, or to issue any type
- 27 of bond in its own name, except as provided in subsection (4),

- 1 or to in any way indebt a governmental unit participating in the
- 2 interlocal agreement.
- 3 (4) A separate legal or administrative entity created by an
- 4 interlocal agreement with the power to receive and administer
- 5 grants, gifts, bequests, or assistance funds may be authorized by
- 6 the interlocal agreement to borrow money and to issue bonds or
- 7 notes in its name for local public improvements or for economic
- 8 development purposes as set forth in the interlocal agreement.
- 9 These bonds or notes shall be secured solely by revenues derived
- 10 from repayments of loans made from the proceeds of the grants,
- 11 gifts, bequests, or assistance funds, and shall not be general
- 12 obligations of the entity or of the public agencies which incor-
- 13 porated the entity. Bonds or notes issued pursuant to this sub-
- 14 section shall be approved by the department of treasury before
- 15 their issuance but shall not otherwise be subject to the provi-
- 16 sions of the municipal finance act, Act No. 202 of the Public
- 17 Acts of 1943, being sections 131.1 to 139.3 of the Michigan
- 18 Compiled Laws. In determining whether the issuance of the bonds
- 19 or notes shall be approved, the department of treasury shall take
- 20 into consideration the following:
- 21 (a) Whether the bonds or notes conform to the provisions of
- 22 law.
- (b) Whether the probable revenue and properties pledged for
- 24 the payment of the bonds or notes will be sufficient to pay the
- 25 principal of and interest on the bonds or notes when due.

- 1 (c) Whether the amount of the proposed issue is sufficient
- 2 or excessive for the purpose for which the bonds or notes are to
- 3 be issued.
- 4 (5) Bonds or notes issued under the provisions of subsection
- 5 (4) are declared to be issued for an essential public and govern-
- 6 mental purpose, and, together with interest on those bonds or
- 7 notes and income from those bonds or notes, shall be exempted
- 8 from all taxes.