

**REVISE "URBAN TOWNSHIP"
DEFINITION**

House Bill 4197
Sponsor: Rep. Chris Ward
Committee: Local Government and
Urban Policy

Complete to 2-14-03

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4197 AS INTRODUCED 2-12-03

House Bill 4197 would amend the Local Development Financing Act to revise the definition of "urban township." Under the bill, "urban township" would be defined to mean a township with a population of 15,000 or more located in a county with a population of 125,000 or more.

Currently under the law, "urban township" means a township that meets one or more of the following:

(i) meets all of the following requirements:

(A) has a population of 20,000 or more, or has a population of 10,000 or more but is located in a county with a population of 400,000 or more;

(B) adopted a master zoning plan before February 1, 1987; and,

(C) provides sewer, water, and other public services to all or a part of the township.

(ii) meets all of the following requirements:

(A) has a population of less than 20,000;

(B) is located in a county with a population of 250,000 or more but less than 400,000, and that is located in a metropolitan statistical area;

(C) has within its boundaries a parcel of property under common ownership that is 800 acres or larger and is capable of being served by a railroad, and located with three miles of a limited access highway; and

(D) establishes an authority before December 31, 1998.

(iii) meets all of the following requirements:

(A) has a population of less than 20,000;

(B) has a state equalized value for all real and personal property located in the township of more than \$200,000,000;

(C) adopted a master zoning plan before February 1, 1987;

(D) is a charter township under the Charter Township Act;

(E) has within its boundaries a combination of parcels under common ownership that is 800 acres or larger, is immediately adjacent to a limited access highway, is capable of being served by a railroad, and is immediately adjacent to an existing sewer line; and

(F) establishes an authority before March 1, 1999.

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