SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 4482

A bill to provide for the exemption of certain property from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain property; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to clarify the ownership of certain parcels of property; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local government officials; and to provide penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "tax reverted clean title act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Authority" means a land bank fast track authority
- 5 created under the land bank fast track act.
- 6 (b) "Commission" means the state tax commission created by
- 7 1927 PA 360, MCL 209.101 to 209.107.
- 8 (c) "Eligible tax reverted property" means property that is

- 1 exempt under section 7gg of the general property tax act, 1893
- 2 PA 206, MCL 211.7gg.
- 3 (d) "Eligible tax reverted property specific tax" means the
- 4 specific tax levied under this act.
- 5 (e) "Principal residence" means that term as defined in
- 6 section 7dd of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL
- 7 211.7dd.
- 8 (f) "Taxable value" means the taxable value determined under
- 9 section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
- **10** MCL 211.27a.
- 11 Sec. 3. Eligible tax reverted property is exempt from ad
- 12 valorem property taxes collected under the general property tax
- 13 act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as provided under
- 14 section 7gg of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
- **15** MCL 211.7gg.
- 16 Sec. 4. (1) Not later than December 31 of each year, an
- 17 authority shall provide a list of all property sold by the
- 18 authority in that calendar year to the assessor of each local tax
- 19 collecting unit in which the property sold by the authority is
- 20 located.
- 21 (2) The assessor of each local tax collecting unit in which
- 22 there is eligible tax reverted property shall determine annually
- 23 as of December 31 the value and taxable value of each parcel of
- 24 eligible tax reverted property and shall furnish that information
- 25 to the legislative body of the local tax collecting unit.
- Sec. 5. (1) There is levied upon every owner of eligible
- 27 tax reverted property a specific tax to be known as the eligible

- 1 tax reverted property specific tax.
- 2 (2) The amount of the eligible tax reverted property specific
- 3 tax in each year is the amount of tax that would have been
- 4 collected on that parcel under the general property tax act, 1893
- 5 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, if that parcel was not exempt under
- 6 section 3. An owner of eligible tax reverted property that is a
- 7 principal residence may claim an exemption for that portion of
- 8 the specific tax attributable to the tax levied by a local school
- 9 district for school operating purposes to the extent provided
- 10 under section 1211 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL
- 11 380.1211, if an owner of that eliqible tax reverted property
- 12 claims or has claimed an exemption for the property as provided
- 13 in section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL
- **14** 211.7cc.
- 15 (3) Except as otherwise provided in section 6, the eligible
- 16 tax reverted property specific tax shall be collected, disbursed,
- 17 and assessed in accordance with this act.
- 18 (4) The eligible tax reverted property specific tax is an
- 19 annual tax, payable at the same times, in the same installments,
- 20 and to the same officer or officers as taxes imposed under the
- 21 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, and
- 22 the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906,
- 23 are payable. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
- 24 officer or officers shall disburse the eligible tax reverted
- 25 property specific tax payments received by the officer or
- 26 officers each year as follows:
- (a) Fifty percent of the eligible tax reverted property

- 1 specific tax to and among this state and cities, townships,
- 2 villages, school districts, counties, or other taxing units, at
- 3 the same times and in the same proportions as required by law for
- 4 the disbursement of taxes collected under the general property
- 5 tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.
- **6** (b) Fifty percent of the eligible tax reverted property
- 7 specific tax to the authority that sold or otherwise conveyed the
- 8 property under the land bank fast track act, which sale or
- 9 conveyance caused the property to be eligible tax reverted
- 10 property. The eligible tax reverted property specific tax
- 11 disbursed under this subdivision shall only be used by the
- 12 authority for 1 or more of the following:
- (i) For the purposes authorized under the land bank fast
- 14 track act, including, but not limited to, costs to clear, quiet,
- 15 or defend title to property held by the authority.
- (ii) To repay a loan made to the authority under section 2f
- 17 of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.142f.
- 18 (5) For intermediate school districts receiving state aid
- 19 under sections 56, 62, and 81 of the state school aid act of
- 20 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1656, 388.1662, and 388.1681, of the
- 21 amount of eligible tax reverted property specific tax that would
- 22 otherwise be disbursed to an intermediate school district, all or
- 23 a portion, to be determined on the basis of the tax rates being
- 24 utilized to compute the amount of state aid, shall be paid to the
- 25 state treasury to the credit of the state school aid fund
- 26 established by section 11 of article IX of the state constitution
- **27** of 1963.

- 1 (6) The amount of eligible tax reverted property specific tax
- 2 described in subsection (2) that would otherwise be disbursed to
- 3 a local school district for school operating purposes shall be
- 4 paid instead to the state treasury and credited to the state
- 5 school aid fund established by section 11 of article IX of the
- 6 state constitution of 1963.
- 7 (7) The officer or officers shall send a copy of the amount
- 8 of disbursement made to each unit under this section to the
- 9 commission on a form provided by the commission.
- 10 (8) Eligible tax reverted property located in a renaissance
- 11 zone under the Michigan renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376,
- 12 MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696, is exempt from the eligible tax
- 13 reverted property specific tax levied under this act to the
- 14 extent and for the duration provided pursuant to the Michigan
- 15 renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696,
- 16 except for that portion of the eligible tax reverted property
- 17 specific tax attributable to a tax described in section 7ff(2) of
- 18 the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ff. The
- 19 eligible tax reverted property specific tax calculated under this
- 20 subsection shall be disbursed proportionately to the taxing unit
- 21 or units that levied the tax described in section 7ff(2) of the
- 22 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7ff.
- 23 Sec. 6. Unpaid eligible tax reverted property specific
- 24 taxes are not subject to return as delinquent taxes under the
- 25 general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157. The
- 26 amount of the eligible tax reverted property specific tax
- 27 applicable to real property, until paid, is a lien upon that real

- 1 property. Proceedings upon the lien as provided by law for the
- judicial foreclosure of mortgage liens upon real property may
- 3 commence after the date that the taxes would have been returned
- as delinquent under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
- MCL 211.1 to 211.157, if that property had not been exempt under
- section 3 and only upon the filing by the appropriate collecting
- 7 officer of a certificate of nonpayment of the eligible tax
- reverted property specific tax applicable to the real property,
- together with an affidavit of proof of service of the certificate
- of nonpayment upon the owner of that property by certified mail,
- with the register of deeds of the county in which the property is
- 12 situated.
- Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless 13
- all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature are enacted
- 15 into law:
- (a) House Bill No. 4480. 16
- (b) House Bill No. 4481. 17
- (c) House Bill No. 4483. 18
- (d) House Bill No. 4484. 19
- 20 (e) House Bill No. 4488.