

# SENATE BILL No. 203

February 20, 2003, Introduced by Senators ALLEN, KUIPERS, BIRKHOLZ, VAN  
WOERKOM and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and  
Tourism.

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled  
"Michigan renaissance zone act,"  
by amending sections 6, 8, and 8c (MCL 125.2686, 125.2688, and  
125.2688c), section 6 as amended by 2002 PA 478, section 8 as  
amended by 1999 PA 139, and section 8c as added by 2000 PA 259.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 6. (1) The board shall review all recommendations  
2 submitted by the review board and determine which applications  
3 meet the criteria contained in section 7.

4       (2) The board shall do all of the following:

5       (a) Designate renaissance zones.

6       (b) Subject to subsection (3), approve or reject the duration  
7 of renaissance zone status.

8       (c) Subject to subsection (3), approve or reject the  
9 geographic boundaries and the total area of the renaissance zone

1 as submitted in the application.

2 (3) The board shall not alter the geographic boundaries of  
3 the renaissance zone or the duration of renaissance zone status  
4 described in the application unless the qualified local  
5 governmental unit or units and the local governmental unit or  
6 units in which the renaissance zone is to be located consent by  
7 resolution to the alteration.

8 (4) The board shall not designate a renaissance zone under  
9 section 8 before November 1, 1996 or after December 31, 1996.

10 (5) The designation of a renaissance zone under this act  
11 shall take effect on January 1 in the year following  
12 designation. However, for purposes of the taxes exempted under  
13 section 9(2), the designation of a renaissance zone under this  
14 act shall take effect on December 31 in the year of designation.

15 (6) The board shall not designate a renaissance zone under  
16 section 8a ~~or 8e~~ after December 31, 2002.

17 (7) Through December 31, 2002, a qualified local governmental  
18 unit in which a renaissance zone was designated under section 8  
19 or 8a may modify the boundaries of that renaissance zone to  
20 include contiguous parcels of property as determined by the  
21 qualified local governmental unit and approval by the review  
22 board. The additional contiguous parcels of property included in  
23 a renaissance zone under this subsection do not constitute an  
24 additional distinct geographic area under section 4(1)(d). If  
25 the boundaries of the renaissance zone are modified as provided  
26 in this subsection, the additional contiguous parcels of property  
27 shall become part of the original renaissance zone on the same

1 terms and conditions as the original designation of that  
2 renaissance zone.

3       Sec. 8. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), ~~and~~  
4 section 8a, **and section 8c**, the board shall not designate more  
5 than 9 renaissance zones within this state. Not more than 6 of  
6 the renaissance zones shall be located in urban areas and not  
7 more than 4 of the renaissance zones shall be located in rural  
8 areas. For purposes of determining whether a renaissance zone is  
9 located in an urban area or rural area under this section, if any  
10 part of a renaissance zone is located within an urban area, the  
11 entire renaissance zone shall be considered to be located in an  
12 urban area.

13       (2) The board may designate additional renaissance zones  
14 within this state in 1 or more qualified local governmental units  
15 if that qualified local governmental unit or units contain a  
16 military installation that was operated by the United States  
17 department of defense and has closed after 1990.

18       (3) Each renaissance zone designated by the board under  
19 section 8a shall be submitted to the legislature, which, by  
20 concurrent resolution adopted by a majority vote of those elected  
21 to and serving in each house, on a record roll call vote, may  
22 reject that designation no later than the earlier of 45 days  
23 following the date of the designation by the board or December 31  
24 of the year of designation.

25       Sec. 8c. (1) The board, upon recommendation of the board of  
26 the Michigan strategic fund defined in section 4 of the Michigan  
27 strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2004, may designate not

1 more than 10 additional renaissance zones for agricultural  
2 processing facilities within this state in 1 or more cities,  
3 villages, or townships if that city, village, or township or  
4 combination of cities, villages, or townships consents to the  
5 creation of a renaissance zone for an agricultural processing  
6 facility within their boundaries.

7       (2) Each renaissance zone designated for an agricultural  
8 processing facility under this section shall be 1 continuous  
9 distinct geographic area.

10       (3) The board may revoke the designation of all or a portion  
11 of a renaissance zone for an agricultural processing facility if  
12 the board determines that the agricultural processing facility  
13 fails to commence operation or ceases operation in a renaissance  
14 zone designated under this section.

15       **(4) Applications for designation for an agricultural**  
16 **processing facility shall not be accepted by the board after**  
17 **December 31, 2003. The board shall not designate a renaissance**  
18 **zone for agricultural processing facilities after March 30, 2004.**