HOUSE BILL No. 4318

February 15, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Meyer, Ball and Gosselin and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A bill to amend 1975 PA 197, entitled

"An act to provide for the establishment of a downtown development authority; to prescribe its powers and duties; to correct and prevent deterioration in business districts; to encourage historic preservation; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans in the districts; to promote the economic growth of the districts; to create a board; to prescribe its powers and duties; to authorize the levy and collection of taxes; to authorize the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to authorize the use of tax increment financing; to reimburse downtown development authorities for certain losses of tax increment revenues; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officials,"

by amending sections 3 and 18 (MCL 125.1653 and 125.1668), section 3 as amended by 2004 PA 521.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 3. (1) When the governing body of a municipality

- 1 determines that it is necessary for the best interests of the
- 2 public to halt property value deterioration and increase property
- 3 tax valuation where possible in its business district, to eliminate
- 4 the causes of that deterioration, and to promote economic growth,
- 5 or to permit the development of a new commercial property with a
- 6 total cash value after development of not less than
- 7 \$100,000,000.00, which includes more than 2 detached buildings
- 8 containing together not less than 500,000 square feet, the
- 9 governing body may, by resolution, declare its intention to create
- 10 and provide for the operation of an authority.
- 11 (2) In the resolution of intent, the governing body shall set
- 12 a date for the holding of a public hearing on the adoption of a
- 13 proposed ordinance creating the authority and designating the
- 14 boundaries of the downtown district. Notice of the public hearing
- 15 shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in
- 16 the municipality, not less than 20 or more than 40 days before the
- 17 date of the hearing. Not less than 20 days before the hearing, the
- 18 governing body proposing to create the authority shall also mail
- 19 notice of the hearing to the property taxpayers of record in the
- 20 proposed district and for a public hearing to be held after
- 21 February 15, 1994 to the governing body of each taxing jurisdiction
- 22 levying taxes that would be subject to capture if the authority is
- 23 established and a tax increment financing plan is approved.
- 24 BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2005, THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITHIN THE TIME FRAME
- 25 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MAILED BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO
- 26 THE TREASURER, CLERK, AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
- 27 OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BUSINESS DISTRICT IS LOCATED. Failure of

- 1 a property taxpayer to receive the notice shall not invalidate
- 2 these proceedings. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at
- 3 least 20 conspicuous and public places in the proposed downtown
- 4 district not less than 20 days before the hearing. The notice shall
- 5 state the date, time, and place of the hearing, and shall describe
- 6 the boundaries of the proposed downtown district. A citizen,
- 7 taxpayer, or property owner of the municipality or an official from
- 8 a taxing jurisdiction with millage that would be subject to capture
- 9 has the right to be heard in regard to the establishment of the
- 10 authority and the boundaries of the proposed downtown district. The
- 11 governing body of the municipality shall not incorporate land into
- 12 the downtown district not included in the description contained in
- 13 the notice of public hearing, but it may eliminate described lands
- 14 from the downtown district in the final determination of the
- 15 boundaries.
- 16 (3) Not more than 60 days after a public hearing held after
- 17 February 15, 1994, the governing body of a taxing jurisdiction
- 18 levying ad valorem property taxes that would otherwise be subject
- 19 to capture may exempt its taxes from capture by adopting a
- 20 resolution to that effect and filing a copy with the clerk of the
- 21 municipality proposing to create the authority. The resolution
- 22 takes effect when filed with that clerk and remains effective until
- 23 a copy of a resolution rescinding that resolution is filed with
- 24 that clerk.
- 25 (4) Not less than 60 days after the public hearing, if the
- 26 governing body of the municipality intends to proceed with the
- 27 establishment of the authority, it shall adopt, by majority vote of

- 1 its members, an ordinance establishing the authority and
- 2 designating the boundaries of the downtown district within which
- 3 the authority shall exercise its powers. The adoption of the
- 4 ordinance is subject to any applicable statutory or charter
- 5 provisions in respect to the approval or disapproval by the chief
- 6 executive or other officer of the municipality and the adoption of
- 7 an ordinance over his or her veto. This ordinance shall be filed
- 8 with the secretary of state promptly after its adoption and shall
- 9 be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in
- 10 the municipality.
- 11 (5) The governing body of the municipality may alter or amend
- 12 the boundaries of the downtown district to include or exclude lands
- 13 from the downtown district pursuant to the same requirements for
- 14 adopting the ordinance creating the authority.
- 15 (6) A municipality that has created an authority may enter
- 16 into an agreement with an adjoining municipality that has created
- 17 an authority to jointly operate and administer those authorities
- 18 under an interlocal agreement under the urban cooperation act of
- 19 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.
- Sec. 18. (1) The governing body, before adoption of an
- 21 ordinance approving OR AMENDING a development plan or APPROVING OR
- 22 AMENDING A tax increment financing plan, shall hold a public
- 23 hearing on the development plan. Notice of the time and place of
- 24 the hearing shall be given by publication twice in a newspaper of
- 25 general circulation designated by the municipality, the first of
- 26 which shall be not less than 20 days before the date set for the
- 27 hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 20

- 1 conspicuous and public places in the downtown district not less
- 2 than 20 days before the hearing. Notice shall also be mailed to all
- 3 property taxpayers of record in the downtown district not less than
- 4 20 days before the hearing. BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2005, THE NOTICE OF
- 5 HEARING WITHIN THE TIME FRAME DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
- 6 MAILED BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE TREASURER, CLERK, AND CHAIRPERSON
- 7 OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPOSED
- 8 DEVELOPMENT AREA IS LOCATED.
- 9 (2) Notice of the time and place of hearing on a development
- 10 plan shall contain: a description of the proposed development area
- 11 in relation to highways, streets, streams, or otherwise; a
- 12 statement that maps, plats, and a description of the development
- 13 plan, including the method of relocating families and individuals
- 14 who may be displaced from the area, are available for public
- 15 inspection at a place designated in the notice, and that all
- 16 aspects of the development plan will be open for discussion at the
- 17 public hearing; and other information that the governing body
- 18 deems CONSIDERS appropriate. At the time set for hearing, the
- 19 governing body shall provide an opportunity for interested persons
- 20 to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in
- 21 writing with reference -thereto- TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The
- 22 hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of
- 23 opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of
- 24 documentary evidence pertinent to the development plan. The
- 25 governing body shall make and preserve a record of the public
- 26 hearing, including all data presented thereat.