

HOUSE BILL No. 5056

July 13, 2005, Introduced by Reps. Bieda, Ward and Stakoe 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 section 4 (MCL 125.1654), as amended by 1987 PA 66.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 4. (1) Except as provided in subsections (7) and (8), an
2 authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board

1 consisting of the chief executive officer of the municipality and
2 not less than 8 or more than 12 members as determined by the
3 governing body of the municipality. Members shall be appointed by
4 the chief executive officer of the municipality, subject to
5 approval by the governing body of the municipality. Not less than a
6 majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in
7 property located in the downtown district **OR OFFICERS, MEMBERS,**
8 **TRUSTEES, PRINCIPALS, OR EMPLOYEES OF A LEGAL ENTITY HAVING AN**
9 **INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.** Not less
10 than 1 of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district,
11 if the downtown district has 100 or more persons residing within
12 it. Of the members first appointed, an equal number of the members,
13 as near as is practicable, shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 years,
14 3 years, and 4 years. A member shall hold office until the member's
15 successor is appointed. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a
16 term of 4 years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by
17 the chief executive officer of the municipality for the unexpired
18 term only. Members of the board shall serve without compensation,
19 but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses. The
20 chairperson of the board shall be elected by the board.

21 (2) Before assuming the duties of office, a member shall
22 qualify by taking and subscribing to the constitutional oath of
23 office.

24 (3) The business ~~which~~ **THAT** the board may perform shall be
25 conducted at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with
26 the open meetings act, ~~Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976,~~
27 ~~being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 1976~~

1 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275. Public notice of the time, date, and
2 place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by ~~Act~~
3 ~~No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976~~ **THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA**
4 **267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275.** The board shall adopt rules consistent
5 with ~~Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976~~ **THE OPEN MEETINGS**
6 **ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275,** governing its procedure and
7 the holding of regular meetings, subject to the approval of the
8 governing body. Special meetings may be held if called in the
9 manner provided in the rules of the board.

10 (4) Pursuant to notice and after having been given an
11 opportunity to be heard, a member of the board may be removed for
12 cause by the governing body. Removal of a member is subject to
13 review by the circuit court.

14 (5) All expense items of the authority shall be publicized
15 monthly and the financial records shall always be open to the
16 public.

17 (6) In addition to the items and records prescribed in
18 subsection (5), a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession
19 of, or retained by the board in the performance of an official
20 function shall be made available to the public in compliance with
21 the freedom of information act, ~~Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of~~
22 ~~1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws~~
23 **1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO 15.246.**

24 (7) By resolution of its governing body, a municipality having
25 more than 1 authority may establish a single board to govern all
26 authorities in the municipality. The governing body may designate
27 the board of an existing authority as the board for all authorities

1 or may establish by resolution a new board in the same manner as
2 provided in subsection (1). A member of a board governing more than
3 1 authority may be a resident of or have an interest in property in
4 any of the downtown districts controlled by the board in order to
5 meet the requirements of this section.

6 (8) By ordinance, the governing body of a municipality that
7 has a population of less than 5,000 may have the municipality's
8 planning commission created pursuant to ~~Act No. 285 of the Public~~
9 ~~Acts of 1931, being sections 125.31 to 125.45 of the Michigan~~
10 ~~Compiled Laws~~ **1931 PA 285, MCL 125.31 TO 125.45**, serve as the
11 board provided for in subsection (1).