

# SENATE BILL No. 980

December 6, 2007, Introduced by Senators PAPPAGEORGE, ALLEN, SANBORN, KUIPERS, GILBERT, RICHARDVILLE, CROPSEY, BIRKHOLZ, HUNTER, STAMAS, HARDIMAN, KAHN, BROWN, CLARK-COLEMAN, CLARKE, BARCIA, JACOBS, ANDERSON, THOMAS and SCOTT and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled  
"The general property tax act,"  
by amending section 9f (MCL 211.9f), as amended by 2007 PA 116.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 9f. (1) The governing body of an eligible local assessing  
2       district may adopt a resolution to exempt from the collection of  
3       taxes under this act all new personal property owned or leased by  
4       an eligible business located in 1 or more eligible districts **OR**  
5       **DISTRESSED PARCELS** designated in the resolution. The clerk of the  
6       eligible local assessing district shall notify in writing the  
7       assessor of the local tax collecting unit in which the eligible  
8       district **OR DISTRESSED PARCEL** is located and the legislative body  
9       of each taxing unit that levies ad valorem property taxes in the  
10      eligible local assessing district in which the eligible district **OR**

1 **DISTRESSED PARCEL** is located. Before acting on the resolution, the  
2 governing body of the eligible local assessing district shall  
3 afford the assessor and a representative of the affected taxing  
4 units an opportunity for a hearing.

5 (2) The exemption under this section is effective on the  
6 December 31 immediately succeeding the adoption of the resolution  
7 by the governing body of the eligible local assessing district and  
8 shall continue in effect for a period specified in the resolution.  
9 A copy of the resolution shall be filed with the state tax  
10 commission. A resolution is not effective unless approved by the  
11 state tax commission as provided in subsection (3).

12 (3) Not more than 60 days after receipt of a copy of the  
13 resolution adopted under subsection (1), the state tax commission  
14 shall approve or disapprove the resolution. The state treasurer,  
15 with the written concurrence of the president of the Michigan  
16 strategic fund, shall advise the state tax commission as to whether  
17 exempting new personal property of the eligible business is  
18 necessary to reduce unemployment, promote economic growth, and  
19 increase capital investment in this state.

20 (4) Subject to subsection (5), if an existing eligible  
21 business sells or leases new personal property exempt under this  
22 section to an acquiring eligible business, the exemption granted to  
23 the existing eligible business shall continue in effect for the  
24 period specified in the resolution adopted under subsection (1) for  
25 the new personal property purchased or leased from the existing  
26 eligible business by the acquiring eligible business and for any  
27 new personal property purchased or leased by the acquiring eligible

1 business.

2 (5) After December 31, 2007, an exemption for an existing  
3 eligible business shall continue in effect for an acquiring  
4 eligible business under subsection (4) only if the continuation of  
5 the exemption is approved in a resolution adopted by the governing  
6 body of an eligible local assessing district.

7 (6) Notwithstanding the amendatory act that added section  
8 2(1)(c), all of the following shall apply to an exemption under  
9 this section that was approved by the state tax commission on or  
10 before April 30, 1999, regardless of the effective date of the  
11 exemption:

12 (a) The exemption shall be continued for the term authorized  
13 by the resolution adopted by the governing body of the eligible  
14 local assessing district and approved by the state tax commission  
15 with respect to buildings and improvements constructed on leased  
16 real property during the term of the exemption if the value of the  
17 real property is not assessed to the owner of the buildings and  
18 improvements.

19 (b) The exemption shall not be impaired or restricted with  
20 respect to buildings and improvements constructed on leased real  
21 property during the term of the exemption if the value of the real  
22 property is not assessed to the owner of the buildings and  
23 improvements.

24 (7) As used in this section:

25 (a) "Acquiring eligible business" means an eligible business  
26 that purchases or leases assets of an existing eligible business,  
27 including the purchase or lease of new personal property exempt

1 under this section, and that will conduct business operations  
2 similar to those of the existing eligible business at the location  
3 of the existing eligible business within the eligible district.

4 (B) "DISTRESSED PARCEL" MEANS A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY THAT  
5 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

6 (i) IS LOCATED IN A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CREATED  
7 UNDER 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 TO 125.1681.

8 (ii) MEETS 1 OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

9 (A) HAS A BLIGHTED OR FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE BUILDING LOCATED  
10 ON THE PARCEL. AS USED IN THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH, "BLIGHTED" AND  
11 "FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE" MEAN THOSE TERMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF  
12 THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FINANCING ACT, 1996 PA 381, MCL  
13 125.2652.

14 (B) IS A VACANT PARCEL.

15 (iii) IS ZONED TO ALLOW FOR MIXED USE.

16 (C) ~~(b)~~ "Eligible business" means, effective August 7, 1998, a  
17 business engaged primarily in manufacturing, mining, research and  
18 development, wholesale trade, or office operations. Eligible  
19 business does not include a casino, retail establishment,  
20 professional sports stadium, or that portion of an eligible  
21 business used exclusively for retail sales. As used in this  
22 subdivision, "casino" means a casino regulated by this state  
23 pursuant to the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, ~~the~~  
24 ~~Initiated Law of 1996~~ 1996 IL 1, MCL 432.201 to 432.226, and all  
25 property associated or affiliated with the operation of a casino,  
26 including, but not limited to, a parking lot, hotel, motel, or  
27 retail store.

1           (D) ~~(e)~~—"Eligible district" means 1 or more of the following:

2           (i) An industrial development district as that term is defined  
3 in 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.551 to 207.572.

4           (ii) A renaissance zone as that term is defined in the Michigan  
5 renaissance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2681 to 125.2696.

6           (iii) An enterprise zone as that term is defined in the  
7 enterprise zone act, 1985 PA 224, MCL 125.2101 to 125.2123.

8           (iv) A brownfield redevelopment zone as that term is designated  
9 under the brownfield redevelopment financing act, 1996 PA 381, MCL  
10 125.2651 to 125.2672.

11           (v) An empowerment zone designated under subchapter U of  
12 chapter 1 of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 1391 to  
13 1397F.

14           (vi) An authority district or a development area as those terms  
15 are defined in the tax increment finance authority act, 1980 PA  
16 450, MCL 125.1801 to 125.1830.

17           (vii) An authority district as that term is defined in the  
18 local development financing act, 1986 PA 281, MCL 125.2151 to  
19 125.2174.

20           (viii) A downtown district or a development area as those terms  
21 are defined in 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 to 125.1681.

22           (E) ~~(d)~~—"Eligible distressed area" means 1 of the following:

23           (i) That term as defined in section 11 of the state housing  
24 development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1411.

25           (ii) An area that contains an eligible business as described in  
26 section 8(5)(b)(ii) of the Michigan economic growth authority act,  
27 1995 PA 24, MCL 207.808.

1           **(F)** ~~(e)~~—"Eligible local assessing district" means a city,  
2 village, or township that contains an eligible distressed area.

3           **(G)** ~~(f)~~—"Existing eligible business" means an eligible  
4 business identified in a resolution adopted under subsection (1)  
5 for which an exemption has been granted under this section.

6           **(H)** ~~(g)~~—"New personal property" means personal property that  
7 was not previously subject to tax under this act and that is placed  
8 in an eligible district after a resolution under subsection (1) is  
9 approved by the eligible local assessing district. As used in this  
10 subdivision, for exemptions approved by the state tax commission  
11 under subsection (3) after April 30, 1999, new personal property  
12 does not include buildings described in section 14(6) and personal  
13 property described in section 8(h), (i), and (j).