

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6088

A bill to amend 1986 PA 196, entitled
"Public transportation authority act,"
by amending sections 8, 18, and 29 (MCL 124.458, 124.468, and
124.479), sections 8 and 18 as amended by 2006 PA 175.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. (1) ~~Except~~ **Subject to subsection (8), and except** as
2 otherwise provided in ~~subsection (2),~~ **this section,** a political
3 subdivision that is a member of a public authority or ~~the~~ **a** portion
4 of a city, village, or township, ~~which~~ **if that** portion is a member
5 of a public authority, may be released from membership in the
6 public authority if all of the following conditions are met:
7 (a) Adoption of a resolution by a majority of the members
8 elected to and serving on the legislative body of the political

1 subdivision requesting release from membership.

2 (b) Acceptance of the request by a 2/3 vote of the members
3 serving on the board of the public authority, excluding the members
4 representing the political subdivision requesting release.

5 (c) Payment or the provision for payment is made regarding all
6 obligations of the political subdivision to the public authority or
7 its creditors.

8 (2) ~~Notwithstanding~~ **Subject to subsection (8), notwithstanding**
9 ~~subsection (1), an entity that is a~~ political subdivision ~~and that~~
10 is a member of a public authority or ~~the a~~ portion of a city,
11 village, or township, ~~which if that~~ portion is a member of a public
12 authority, may be released from membership in the public authority
13 if all of the following conditions are met:

14 (a) The entity desiring to withdraw from the authority has
15 approved the question by a majority of the qualified and registered
16 electors voting at a general or special election held in November
17 before the expiration of a tax authorized to be levied under this
18 act.

19 (b) Subject to subsection (6), a petition that bears the
20 signatures of registered electors of the entity equal to at least
21 20% of the number of votes cast in the political subdivision or
22 portion of a city, village, or township for all candidates for
23 governor in the last general election in which a governor was
24 elected and that requires the governing body of the entity by
25 resolution to submit the question to its electors at the next
26 general or special election is filed not less than 60 days before
27 the election with the clerk of the entity presenting the question.

28 (c) The vote upon the question approving the resolution is by
29 ballot and is in substantially the following form:

1 "Shall _____ (township, village, city, or other) as
 2 provided by 1986 PA 196 withdraw from the authority as a member?

3 Yes _____

4 No _____".

5 (d) All ballots are cast, canvassed, and the results of the
 6 election certified in the same manner as ballots on any other
 7 question submitted to the electors of the entity seeking withdrawal
 8 pursuant to the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to
 9 168.992.

10 (e) Payment or the provision for payment is made regarding all
 11 obligations of the political subdivision to the public authority or
 12 its creditors. If withdrawal is approved by a majority of the
 13 electors voting on the question, the decision will take effect at
 14 the expiration date of the tax and neither the authority nor
 15 officials of the political subdivision may appeal or amend this
 16 decision.

17 (3) ~~A-Subject to subsection (8),~~ tax authorized to be levied
 18 by a public authority within the boundaries of the political
 19 subdivision or the portion of a political subdivision to be
 20 released shall continue to be levied for the period of time
 21 originally authorized and shall be paid over to the public
 22 authority originally authorized to be the recipient of the tax
 23 revenue. A political subdivision or portion of a political
 24 subdivision that has been released from an authority shall continue
 25 to receive transportation services from the authority until the
 26 political subdivision or portion of the political subdivision is no
 27 longer required to pay a tax levied by the authority.

28 (4) ~~Release-Subject to subsection (8), the release~~ of a
 29 political subdivision or portion of a political subdivision from a

1 public authority shall be evidenced by an amendment to the articles
2 of incorporation executed by the recording officer of a public
3 authority and filed and published in the same manner as the
4 original articles of incorporation.

5 (5) ~~A-Subject to subsection (8),~~ a political subdivision or
6 other entity that is part of a public authority under this act may
7 withdraw from the public authority until the expiration of the
8 thirtieth day following the date the public authority is
9 incorporated or until the expiration of the thirtieth day after
10 receiving notification under subsection (7), whichever is later,
11 without meeting the conditions listed in subsection (1) or (2). If
12 a public authority under this act has as a member a political
13 subdivision that is part of a metropolitan statistical area, as
14 defined by the United States department of commerce or a successor
15 agency, and the metropolitan statistical area has a population of
16 not less than 600,000 and not more than 1,500,000, a political
17 subdivision or other entity that is part of the public authority
18 may also withdraw from the public authority until the expiration of
19 30 days after the date on which the board of the public authority
20 adopts a resolution calling for an election for the purpose of
21 levying a tax pursuant to section 18, without meeting the
22 conditions listed in subsection (1) or (2). If all or a portion of
23 a city, village, or township is part of an authority incorporating
24 as a public authority under this act, the city, village, or
25 township may also decide to only withdraw a portion of the entity
26 bounded by the lines described in section 4 from the public
27 authority under the deadline established in this subsection. In
28 addition, a political subdivision or other entity that is part of a
29 public authority under this act may withdraw from the public

1 authority in any year in which a tax authorized to be levied under
2 this act expires, without meeting the conditions listed in
3 subsection (1) or (2), if the political subdivision or entity makes
4 the determination to withdraw by a vote of its legislative body
5 held in January of that year. Further, if all or a portion of a
6 city, village, or township is part of an authority incorporating as
7 a public authority under this act, the city, village, or township
8 may also decide to only withdraw a portion of the entity bounded by
9 the lines described in section 4 from the public authority in that
10 same January. However, if a tax is authorized to be levied in a
11 political subdivision or portion of a political subdivision by a
12 public authority under this act and the political subdivision or
13 portion of a political subdivision withdraws pursuant to this
14 subsection, the tax shall continue to be levied in the political
15 subdivision or portion of a political subdivision for the period of
16 time originally authorized. A political subdivision or portion of a
17 political subdivision that withdraws from the authority shall
18 continue to receive public transportation services from the
19 authority until the political subdivision or portion of the
20 political subdivision is no longer required to pay a tax levied by
21 the authority.

22 (6) ~~A-Subject to subsection (8),~~ a petition under subsection
23 (2), including the circulation and signing of the petition, is
24 subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116,
25 MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan
26 election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a
27 petition described in subsection (2) is subject to the penalties
28 prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA
29 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

1 (7) ~~An~~**Subject to subsection (8), an** authority that forms
2 under this act on or after May 1, 2006 shall notify all political
3 subdivisions or portions of any city, village, or township that are
4 included in the authority that the political subdivision or portion
5 of the political subdivision is included in the authority. The
6 authority shall include in this notification notice of the right to
7 withdraw from the authority under this section. The political
8 subdivision or portion of the political subdivision that is
9 notified has 30 days after receiving the notification to withdraw
10 from the authority pursuant to subsection (5).

11 **(8) Subsections (1) to (7) do not apply to a political**
12 **subdivision within a county with a population of 1,100,000 or more**
13 **that has a public transit authority under this act after that**
14 **county's public transportation millage in effect on the effective**
15 **date of the amendatory act that added this subsection expires.**

16 **(9) For a county that has a population of 1,100,000 or more**
17 **and a public transit authority under this act, regardless of**
18 **whether each political subdivision in the county is a member of the**
19 **county's public transit authority before the effective date of the**
20 **amendatory act that added this subsection, all political**
21 **subdivisions within that county shall become a member of that**
22 **county's public transit authority after that county's public**
23 **transportation millage in effect on the effective date of the**
24 **amendatory act that added this subsection expires.**

25 Sec. 18. (1) A public authority formed under this act may levy
26 a tax on all of the taxable property within the limits of the
27 public authority for public transportation purposes as authorized
28 by this act.

29 (2) The tax authorized in subsection (1) shall not exceed 5

1 mills of the state equalized valuation on each dollar of assessed
2 valuation of taxable property within the limits of the applicable
3 public authority.

4 (3) The tax authorized under subsection (1) shall not be
5 levied except upon the approval of a majority of the registered
6 electors residing in the public authority affected and qualified to
7 vote and voting on the tax at a general or special election. The
8 election may be called by resolution of the board of the public
9 authority. The recording officer of the public authority shall file
10 a copy of the resolution of the board calling the election with the
11 clerk of each affected county, city, or township not less than 60
12 days before the date of the election. The resolution calling the
13 election shall contain a statement of the proposition to be
14 submitted to the electors. Each county, city, and township clerk
15 and all other county, city, and township officials shall undertake
16 those steps to properly submit the proposition to the electors of
17 the county, city, and township at the election specified in the
18 resolutions of the public authority. The election shall be
19 conducted and canvassed in accordance with the Michigan election
20 law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, except that if the public
21 authority is located in more than 1 county, the election shall be
22 canvassed by the state board of canvassers. The results of the
23 election shall be certified to the board of the public authority
24 promptly after the date of the election. Not more than 1 election
25 may be held in a public authority in a calendar year for approval
26 of the tax authorized under subsection (1). If the election is a
27 special election, the public authority in which the election is
28 held shall pay its share of the costs of the election.

29 (4) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the~~ **The**

1 taxes authorized by this section may be levied at a rate and for a
2 ~~period of not more than 5~~ **number of** years as determined by the
3 public authority in the resolution calling the election and as set
4 forth in the proposition submitted to the electors. ~~Taxes may be~~
5 ~~levied at a rate and for a period of not more than 25 years as~~
6 ~~determined by the public authority in the resolution calling the~~
7 ~~election and as set forth in the proposition submitted to the~~
8 ~~electors if the public authority seeking the levy is seeking the~~
9 ~~levy for public transit services that include a fixed guideway~~
10 ~~project authorized under 49 USC 5309.~~

11 (5) The tax rate authorized by this section shall be levied
12 and collected as are all ad valorem property taxes in ~~the~~ **this**
13 state and the recording officer of the public authority shall at
14 the appropriate times certify to the proper tax assessing or
15 collecting officers of each tax collecting county, city, and
16 township the amount of taxes to be levied and collected each year
17 by each county, city, and township. Consistent with subsection (6),
18 the board of the public authority shall determine on which tax
19 roll, if there ~~be~~ **is** more than 1, of each county, city, or township
20 that the taxes authorized by this section shall be collected. Each
21 tax assessing and collecting officer and each county treasurer
22 shall levy and collect the taxes certified by the public authority
23 and pay those taxes to the public authority by the time provided in
24 section 43 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL
25 211.43. The tax rate authorized by this section may be first levied
26 by the public authority as a part of the first tax roll of the
27 appropriate counties, cities, and townships occurring after the
28 election described in subsection (3). The tax may be levied and
29 collected on the July or December tax roll next following the date

1 of election, if the tax is certified to the proper tax assessing
2 officials not later than May 15 or September 15, respectively, of
3 the year in which the election is held.

4 (6) A public authority ~~which~~**that** is authorized to impose a
5 July property tax levy and ~~if it~~**that** determines to do so ~~, it~~
6 shall negotiate agreements with the appropriate cities and
7 townships for the collection of that levy. If a city or township
8 and the public authority fail to reach an agreement for the
9 collection by the city or township of the July property tax levy of
10 the public authority, the public authority then may negotiate,
11 until April 1, a proposed agreement with the county treasurer to
12 collect its July property tax levy against property located in that
13 city or township. If the county treasurer and the public authority
14 fail to reach an agreement for the collection by the county of the
15 July property tax levy of the public authority, the July property
16 tax levy shall be collected with the December property tax levy.
17 Any agreement negotiated under this subsection shall guarantee the
18 collecting unit its reasonable expenses. ~~The provisions of this~~
19 **This** subsection ~~shall~~**does** not apply to a city or township ~~which~~
20 **that** is levying a July property tax.

21 (7) If, pursuant to subsection (6), the public authority has
22 reached a proposed agreement with a county treasurer on the
23 collection of its July property tax levy against property located
24 in a city or township with which an agreement to collect this levy
25 could not be made pursuant to subsection (6), the public authority
26 shall notify by April 15 that city or township of the terms of that
27 ~~fact~~**agreement** and the city or township shall have 15 days in which
28 to exercise an option to collect the public authority's July
29 property tax levy.

1 (8) Collection of all or part of a public authority's property
2 tax levy by a treasurer pursuant to subsection (6) or (7) shall
3 comply with all of the following:

4 (a) Collection shall be either 1/2 or the total of the
5 property tax levy against the properties, as specified for that
6 year in the resolution of the public authority.

7 (b) The amount the public authority has agreed to pay as
8 reasonable collection expenses shall be stated in writing and
9 reported to the state treasurer.

10 (c) Taxes authorized to be collected shall become a lien
11 against the property on which **the taxes are** assessed, and due from
12 the owner of that property, on July 1.

13 (d) Taxes shall be collected on or before September 14 and all
14 taxes and interest imposed pursuant to subdivision (f) unpaid
15 before March 1 shall be returned as delinquent on March 1. Taxes
16 delinquent under this subdivision shall be collected pursuant to
17 the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to ~~211.157.~~
18 **211.155.**

19 (e) Interest shall be added to taxes collected after September
20 14 at that rate imposed by section 59 of the general property tax
21 act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.59, on delinquent property tax levies
22 ~~which~~**that** became a lien in the same year.

23 (f) All or a portion of fees or charges, or both, authorized
24 under section 44 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL
25 211.44, may be imposed on taxes paid before March 1 and shall be
26 retained by the treasurer actually performing the collection of the
27 July property tax levy of the public authority, regardless of
28 whether all or part of these fees or charges, or both, have been
29 waived by the township or city.

1 (9) An agreement for the collection of a July property tax
2 levy of a public authority with a county treasurer shall include a
3 schedule for delivering collections to the public authority.

4 (10) To the extent applicable and consistent with the
5 requirements of this section, the general property tax act, 1893 PA
6 206, MCL 211.1 to ~~211.157~~, **211.155**, shall apply to proceedings in
7 relation to the assessment, spreading, and collection of taxes
8 pursuant to this section. Additionally, in relation to the
9 assessment, spreading, and collection of taxes pursuant to this
10 section, the county treasurer shall have powers and duties similar
11 to those prescribed by the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
12 MCL 211.1 to ~~211.157~~, **211.155**, for township supervisors, township
13 clerks, and township treasurers. However, this section ~~shall~~ **does**
14 not ~~be considered to~~ transfer any authority over the assessment of
15 property.

16 (11) If a county treasurer collects the July property tax levy
17 of the public authority, the township or city shall deliver by June
18 1 a certified copy of the assessment roll containing state
19 equalized valuations for each parcel of taxable property in the
20 township or city to the treasurer collecting the July property tax
21 levy of the public authority. The county treasurer receiving this
22 certified copy of the assessment roll shall remit the necessary
23 cost incident to the reproduction of the assessment roll to the
24 township or city.

25 (12) A county treasurer collecting taxes pursuant to this
26 section shall be bonded for tax collection in the same amount and
27 in the same manner as a township treasurer would be for undertaking
28 the duties prescribed by this section.

29 (13) An agreement for the collection of a July property tax

1 levy between a public authority and a county may cover July
2 collections for 2 years. If an agreement covers July collections
3 for 2 years, the notice required by subsection (7) and the option
4 to reconsider provided by subsection (7) shall not apply for July
5 collections in the second year.

6 (14) If collections are made pursuant to this section by a
7 county treasurer, all payments from a public authority for
8 collecting its July property tax levy and all revenues generated
9 from collection fees shall be deposited, when received or
10 collected, in a fund ~~, which fund that~~ shall be used by the county
11 treasurer to pay for the cost of collecting the public authority's
12 July property tax levy.

13 Sec. 29. **(1) ~~Notwithstanding~~ Before the effective date of the**
14 **amendatory act that added subsection (2), and notwithstanding** any
15 other provision of this act, a political subdivision may obligate
16 itself financially for a period over 5 years from the date the
17 obligation is undertaken only if approved by majority vote of the
18 electorate of the political subdivision.

19 **(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that**
20 **added this subsection, subsection (1) does not apply.**