

**MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE ZONE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 376 of 1996**

**125.2688a Additional renaissance zones; designation; property located in alternative energy zone; definitions.**

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

(2) The board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 27 additional renaissance zones and any renaissance zones that are eligible under section 4(5) within this state in 1 or more cities, villages, or townships if that city, village, or township or combination of cities, villages, or townships consents to the creation of a renaissance zone within their boundaries. The board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 1 of the 27 additional renaissance zones described in this subsection as an alternative energy zone. An alternative energy zone must promote and increase the research, development, testing, and manufacturing of alternative energy technology, alternative energy systems, and alternative energy vehicles, as those terms are defined in the Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827. An alternative energy zone has a duration of renaissance zone status for a period not to exceed 20 years as determined by the board of the Michigan strategic fund. The board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 8 of the additional 27 renaissance zones described in this subsection as a redevelopment renaissance zone. A redevelopment renaissance zone must promote the redevelopment of existing industrial facilities or the development of property for industrial purposes. The board of the Michigan strategic fund may designate not more than 1 of the 27 additional renaissance zones described in this subsection as a pharmaceutical recovery renaissance zone. A pharmaceutical recovery renaissance zone must promote the development or redevelopment of existing underutilized facilities currently occupied or formerly occupied by a pharmaceutical company. Before designating a renaissance zone under this subsection, the board of the Michigan strategic fund may enter into a development agreement with the city, township, or village in which the renaissance zone will be located and the owner or developer of the facility or property located in the renaissance zone. The development agreement for a redevelopment renaissance zone described only in subsection (6)(b)(vi) or (vii) may provide for the payment of 1 or more of the taxes described in section 9. Not fewer than 3 of the 10 additional renaissance zones created under this subsection on or after December 1, 2010 must be located in rural areas. Until the maximum number of qualified eligible next Michigan businesses are certified under section 8h(10), the board shall not designate an additional renaissance zone under this subsection if that additional renaissance zone would include a business that is an eligible next Michigan business that is eligible to be certified as a qualified eligible next Michigan business under this act.

(3) In addition to the not more than 9 additional renaissance zones described in subsection (1), the board may designate additional renaissance zones within this state in 1 or more qualified local governmental units if that qualified local governmental unit or units contain a military installation that was operated by the United States Department of Defense and was closed in 1977 or after 1990.

(4) Land owned by a county or the qualified local governmental unit or units adjacent to a zone as described in subsection (3) may be included in this zone.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, property located in the alternative energy zone that is classified as commercial real property under section 34c of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.34c, and that the authority, with the concurrence of the assessor of the local tax collecting unit, determines is not used to directly promote and increase the research, development, testing, and manufacturing of alternative energy technology, alternative energy systems, and alternative energy vehicles as those terms are defined in the Michigan next energy authority act, 2002 PA 593, MCL 207.821 to 207.827, is not eligible for any exemption, deduction, or credit under section 9.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "Pharmaceutical recovery renaissance zone" means a renaissance zone that includes a geographic area that is located in 1 or both of the following:

(i) In a city with a population of more than 70,000 and less than 85,000 and in a county with a population of more than 235,000 and less than 250,000.

(ii) In a city with a population of more than 42,000 and less than 55,000 and in a county with a population of more than 235,000 and less than 250,000.

(b) "Redevelopment renaissance zone" means a renaissance zone that meets 1 of the following:

- (i) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 7,500 and less than 8,500 and is located in a county with a population of more than 60,000 and less than 70,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of 200 or more acres.
- (ii) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 13,000 and less than 14,000 and is located in a county with a population of more than 1,000,000 and less than 1,300,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of 300 or more contiguous acres.
- (iii) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a township with a population of more than 5,500 and is located in a county with a population of less than 24,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of more than 850 acres and has railroad access.
- (iv) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 40,000 and less than 44,000 and is located in a county with a population of more than 81,000 and less than 87,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of more than 475 acres.
- (v) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 21,000 and less than 26,000 and is located in a county with a population of more than 573,000 and less than 625,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of less than 45 acres in size.
- (vi) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 190,000 and less than 250,000 and is located in a county with a population of more than 573,000 and less than 625,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site of more than 14 acres and less than 16 acres in size.
  - (C) Is approved by the board of the Michigan strategic fund on or before April 1, 2007.
- (vii) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 35,500 and less than 36,800 and is located in a county with a population of more than 157,000 and less than 162,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site comprised of 1 or more adjacent parcels totaling 5 or more acres.
  - (C) Is approved by the board of the Michigan strategic fund on or before April 1, 2007.
- (viii) All of the following:
  - (A) Is located in a city with a population of more than 40,000 and less than 44,000 and is located in a county with a population of more than 81,000 and less than 87,000.
  - (B) Contains only all or a portion of an industrial site composed of 1 or more adjacent parcels totaling 100 or more acres.
  - (C) Is approved by the board of the Michigan strategic fund on or before April 1, 2008.

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**Compiler's note:** For transfer of Michigan strategic fund from department of management and budget to department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.