

THE CONVENTION FACILITY AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 203 of 1999

141.1408 Powers of authority; tax levy prohibited.

Sec. 8. (1) An authority may do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes, objectives, and provisions of this act and the purposes, objectives, and powers delegated to the authority or the board by other laws or executive orders, including, without limitation, all of the following:

- (a) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and alter the bylaws at its pleasure.
 - (b) Sue and be sued in its own name.
 - (c) Enter into contracts, including management contracts, and other instruments necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and designate the person or persons who have authority to execute those contracts and instruments on behalf of the authority and to hire any other service providers or consultants the authority deems appropriate to assist in the performance of its duties.
 - (d) Solicit, receive, and accept from any source gifts, grants, loans, or contributions of money, property, or other things of value, and other aid or payment, or participate in any other way in a federal, state, or local government program.
 - (e) Procure insurance against loss in connection with the property, assets, or activities of the authority.
 - (f) Invest money of the authority under 1943 PA 20, MCL 129.91 to 129.97a, and deposit money of the authority under 1932 (1st Ex Sess) PA 40, MCL 129.11 to 129.16.
 - (g) Engage, on a contract basis, the services of private consultants, managers, legal counsel, and auditors for rendering professional or technical assistance and advice payable out of any money of the authority.
 - (h) Indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying members of the board from personal loss or accountability for liability asserted by a person with regard to bonds or other obligations of the authority, or from any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of the bonds or other obligations or by reason of any other action taken or the failure to act by the authority.
 - (i) Establish and maintain an office and employ and fix compensation for personnel of the authority. To hire an executive director or other chief administrative officer who is authorized to establish and fix a schedule of rents, admission fees, or other charges for occupancy, use of, or admission to any convention facility operated by the authority and provide for the collection and enforcement of those rents, admission fees, or other charges.
 - (j) Hold, clear, remediate, improve, maintain, manage, control, sell, exchange, mortgage and hold mortgages on and other security interests in, lease, as lessor or lessee, and obtain or grant easements and licenses on property that the authority acquires. A sale, exchange, lease, or other disposition of authority property shall be to a person or persons for a project or projects involving a convention facility. Property acquired by the authority and later determined by the authority to be not necessary for a convention facility may be sold or otherwise disposed of for use or uses not inconsistent with the purposes of this act. Temporary or permanent easements or licenses or other appropriate interests in property acquired by the authority may be conveyed or granted by the authority for utility, vehicular, or pedestrian traffic facilities, or related purposes not inconsistent with this act. The authority does not have the power to condemn property.
 - (k) Issue negotiable revenue bonds under the revenue bond act of 1933, 1933 PA 94, MCL 141.101 to 141.140. Revenue bonds issued by the authority are not a debt of the qualified county, qualified city, or this state.
 - (l) Develop, acquire, or own 1 or more convention facilities.
 - (m) Do all other acts and things necessary or convenient to carrying out the purposes for which the authority was established.
- (2) An authority established under this act shall not levy a tax.

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