

STATE CONVENTION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 106 of 1985

207.622 Legislative finding.

Sec. 2. The legislature of this state finds that there exists in this state a continuing need for programs to promote tourism and convention business in order to assist in the prevention of unemployment and the alleviation of the conditions of unemployment, to preserve existing jobs, and to create new jobs to meet the employment demands of population growth. To achieve these purposes, it is necessary to assist and encourage local units of government to acquire, construct, improve, enlarge, renew, replace, repair, furnish, and equip convention facilities and the real property on which they are located and to refinance these activities.

History: 1985, Act 106, Imd. Eff. July 30, 1985;—Am. 1993, Act 58, Eff. Apr. 1, 1994.

Compiler's note: On March 31, 1993, the Senate passed SB 537 and transmitted it to the House of Representatives, which, on April 29, 1993, passed SB 537, voted to give the bill immediate effect, and returned it to the Senate. On May 5, 1993, the Senate voted to give SB 537 immediate effect and ordered it enrolled. Enrolled SB 537 was presented to the Governor at 8:59 a.m. on May 6, 1993. On May 18, 1993, the Senate sent a message to the Governor respectfully requesting the return of enrolled SB 537; the Governor voluntarily complied with this request and returned enrolled SB 537 to the Senate; following the return of the bill to the Senate chamber, the Senate voted to vacate the enrollment of SB 537; a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill had been given immediate effect was then made, and its consideration postponed.

A letter dated June 9, 1993, from Stanley D. Steinborn, Chief Assistant Attorney General, to Phillip T. Frangos, Deputy Secretary of State, advised him that "Senate Bill No. 537 is now law and it should be assigned a public act number." At 4:15 p.m. on June 9, 1993, the Secretary of State accepted for filing at the Department of State's Great Seal Office a copy of SB 537 and assigned Public Act No. 58 to the filed document. The filed copy of SB 537 was not the copy presented to the Governor and did not carry the Governor's signature.

On June 11, 1993, Dick Posthumus, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, John J.H. Schwarz, Assistant President Pro Tempore of the Michigan Senate, and Willis H. Snow, Secretary of the Michigan Senate filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment in the 30th Judicial Circuit Court on June 11, 1993, (Docket No. 93-74943), requesting the court to enter judgment in their favor, as follows:

"1) Declaring that Senate Bill 537, the original linen of which is in the possession of the Michigan Senate, and which has never been signed into law by the Governor, has not become law;

"2) Declaring that Senate Bill 537, the original linen of which is in the possession of the Michigan Senate, and which has never been signed into law by the Governor, rightfully remains before the Michigan Senate;

"3) Declaring that any action taken by the Defendants inconsistent with the above declarations is unauthorized and unlawful;

"4) Ordering the Defendant RICHARD H. AUSTIN to vacate the enrollment of Senate Bill 537 as a Public Act of 1993.

"5) Ordering any and all other relief declared appropriate by this Court."

On July 1, 1993, the Senate voted to reconsider its vote giving the bill immediate effect and then defeated a motion to give the bill immediate effect. Senate Bill 537 was ordered enrolled on the same date and presented to the Governor at 3:23 p.m. on July 6, 1993.

Also on July 1, 1993, the Senate adopted Senate Resolution No. 179 authorizing the Michigan Senate to seek legal action to vacate the assignment of a public act number to SB 537. In accordance with that resolution, an amended complaint was filed on July 14, 1993, adding the Michigan Senate as a plaintiff and requesting the court to enter judgment in plaintiffs' favor, as follows:

"1. Declaring that Senate Bill 537 has not become law, and will not become law until such time as the newly enrolled bill has been duly signed by the Governor, or until such time as the bill is passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature, in the event that the newly enrolled bill should be vetoed by the Governor, or until such time as the newly enrolled bill has remained in the possession of the Governor for a period of more than 14 days, during which time the Legislature has remained in session, without having been signed, vetoed, or otherwise returned to the Legislature by the Governor;

"2. Declaring that Senate Bill 537 was lawfully returned to the Senate, and its enrollment lawfully vacated, on May 18, 1993, and that the bill rightfully remained before the Michigan Senate from that date until its subsequent presentment to the Governor on July 6, 1993;

"3. Declaring that any action taken by the Defendants inconsistent with the above declarations is unauthorized and unlawful;

"4. Ordering the Defendant RICHARD H. AUSTIN to vacate the assignment, to Senate Bill 537, of Public Act No. 58 of the Public Acts of 1993.

"5. Declaring that Senate Bill 537 shall not take effect until the expiration of 90 days after the final adjournment of the current legislative session, in accordance with Article IV, § 27 of the Michigan Constitution, if the newly enrolled bill is signed by the Governor, is passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature, overriding a gubernatorial veto, or if the newly enrolled bill remains in the possession of the Governor for a period of more than 14 days, during which time the Legislature has remained in session, without having been signed, vetoed, or otherwise returned to the Legislature by the Governor, in accordance with Article IV, § 33 of the Michigan Constitution.

"6. Ordering the Defendant RICHARD H. AUSTIN to assign a new public act number to Senate Bill 537 if the newly enrolled bill is signed by the Governor, is passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature, overriding a gubernatorial veto, or if the newly enrolled bill remains in the possession of the Governor for a period of more than 14 days, during which time the Legislature has remained in session, without having been signed, vetoed, or otherwise returned to the Legislature by the Governor, in accordance with Article IV, § 33 of the Michigan Constitution.

"7. Ordering any and all other relief declared appropriate by this Court."

The Governor signed enrolled Senate Bill 537 at 8:10 a.m. on July 16, 1993, and filed it with the Secretary of State at 11:02 a.m. on that date. A public act number was not assigned to this filing.

On September 7, 1993, the Ingham County Circuit Court, Giddings J., determined that Plaintiffs lacked standing and that Defendants had raised a meritorious defense and were entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Defendants' Motion for Summary Disposition was granted.

Plaintiffs filed an appeal of the Circuit Court ruling with the Michigan Court of Appeals on September 13, 1993. (Court of Appeals Docket No. 168092). This appeal was dismissed on December 28, 1995.

Sec. 2 of Act 106 of 1985, being MCL 207.622 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as originally enacted, reads:

"Sec. 2. The legislature of the state finds and declares that there exists in this state a continuing need for programs to promote tourism and convention business in order to assist in the prevention of unemployment and the alleviation of the conditions of unemployment, to

preserve existing jobs, and to create new jobs to meet the employment demands of population growth. In order to achieve these purposes it is necessary to assist and encourage local units of government to acquire, construct, improve, enlarge, renew, replace, repair, furnish, and equip convention facilities and the real property on which they are located."