

# Land Bank Fast Track Act

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AN ACT to provide for the creation of land bank fast track authorities to assist governmental entities in the assembly and clearance of title to property in a coordinated manner; to facilitate the use and development of certain property; to promote economic growth; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain authorities; to provide for the creation and appointment of boards to govern land bank fast track authorities and to prescribe their powers and duties; to authorize the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to authorize the conveyance of certain properties to a land bank fast track authority; to authorize the enforcement of tax liens and the clearing or quieting of title by a land bank fast track authority; to provide for the distribution and use of revenues collected or received by a land bank fast track authority; to prescribe powers and duties of certain public entities and state and local officers and agencies; to authorize the transfer and acceptance of property in lieu of taxes and the release of tax liens; to exempt property, income, and operations of a land bank fast track authority from tax; to extend protections against certain liabilities to a land bank fast track authority; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

## CHAPTER 1

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Sec. 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the "land bank fast track act".

**Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that there exists in this state a continuing need to strengthen and revitalize the economy of this state and local units of government in this state and that it is in the best interests of this state and local units of government in this state to assemble or dispose of public property, including tax reverted property, in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property and to promote economic growth in this state and local units of government in this state. It is declared to be a valid public purpose for a land bank fast track authority created under this act to acquire, assemble, dispose of, and quiet title to property under this act. It is further declared to be a valid public purpose for a land bank fast track authority created under this act to provide for the financing of the acquisition, assembly, disposition, and quieting of title to property, and for a land bank fast track authority to exercise other powers granted to a land bank fast track authority under this act. The legislature finds that a land bank fast track authority created under this act and powers conferred by this act constitute a necessary program and serve a necessary public purpose.

**Sec. 3. As used in this act:**

- (a) "Authority" means a land bank fast track authority created under section 15, section 23(4), or section 23(5).
- (b) "Authority board" means the board of directors of the state authority appointed under section 16.
- (c) "Casino" means a casino regulated by this state under the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of

1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.226, or a casino at which gaming is conducted under the Indian gaming regulatory act, Public Law 100-497, 102 Stat. 2467, and all property associated or affiliated with the operation of the casino, including, but not limited to, a parking lot, hotel, motel, or retail store.

(d) "County authority" means a county land bank fast track authority created by a county foreclosing governmental unit under section 23(4).

(e) "Department" means the department of labor and economic growth, a principal department of state government created by section 225 of the executive organization act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.325, and renamed by Executive Order No. 1996-2, MCL 445.2001, and by Executive Order No. 2003-18.

(f) "Foreclosing governmental unit" means that term as defined in section 78 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78.

(g) "Fund" means the land bank fast track fund created in section 18.

(h) "Intergovernmental agreement" means a contractual agreement between 1 or more governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, an interlocal agreement to jointly exercise any power, privilege, or authority that the agencies share in common and that each might exercise separately under the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.

(i) "Local authority" means a local land bank fast track authority created by a qualified city under section 23(5).

(j) "Local unit of government" means a city, village, township, county, or any intergovernmental, metropolitan, or local department, agency, or authority, or other local political subdivision.

(k) "Michigan economic development corporation" means the public body corporate created under section 28 of article VII of the state constitution of 1963 and the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, by a contractual interlocal agreement effective April 5, 1999, as amended, between local participating economic development corporations formed under the economic development corporations act, 1974 PA 338, MCL 125.1601 to 125.1636, and the Michigan strategic fund. If the Michigan economic development corporation is unable for any reason to perform its duties under this act, those duties may be exercised by the Michigan strategic fund.

(l) "Michigan state housing development authority" means the authority created under the state housing development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1401 to 125.1499c.

(m) "Michigan strategic fund" means the Michigan strategic fund as described in the Michigan strategic fund act, 1984 PA 270, MCL 125.2001 to 125.2093.

(n) "Qualified city" means a city that contains a first class school district and includes any department or agency of the city.

(o) "State administrative board" means the board created under 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.1 to 17.3, that exercises general supervisory control over the functions and activities of all administrative departments, boards, commissioners, and officers of the state and of all state institutions.

(p) "State authority" means the land bank fast track authority created under section 15.

(q) "Tax reverted property" means property that meets 1 or more of the following criteria:

(i) The property was conveyed to this state under section 67a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.67a, and subsequently was not sold at a public auction under section 131 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.131, except property described in section 131 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.131, that is withheld from sale by the director of the department of natural resources as authorized in that section.

(ii) The property was conveyed to this state under section 67a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.67a, and subsequently was either redeemed by a local unit of government or transferred to a local unit of government under section 2101 or 2102 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2101 and 324.2102, or under former section 461 of 1909 PA 223 except property transferred to a local unit of

government that is subject to a reverter clause under which the property reverts to this state upon transfer by the local unit of government.

(iii) The property was subject to forfeiture, foreclosure, and sale for the collection of delinquent taxes as provided in sections 78 to 79a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78 to 211.79a, and both of the following apply:

(A) Title to the property vested in a foreclosing governmental unit under section 78k of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78k.

(B) The property was offered for sale at an auction but not sold under section 78m of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78m.

(iv) The property was obtained by or transferred to a local unit of government under section 78m of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78m.

(v) Pursuant to the requirements of a city charter, the property was deeded to or foreclosed by the city or a department or agency of the city for unpaid delinquent real property taxes.

#### **Sec. 4.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an authority may do all things necessary or convenient to implement the purposes, objectives, and provisions of this act, and the purposes, objectives, and powers delegated to the board of directors of an authority by other laws or executive orders, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

(b) Sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be impleaded, including, but not limited to, defending the authority in an action to clear title to property conveyed by the authority.

(c) Borrow money and issue bonds and notes according to the provisions of this act.

(d) Enter into contracts and other instruments necessary, incidental, or convenient to the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers, including, but not limited to, interlocal agreements under the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512, for the joint exercise of powers under this act.

(e) Solicit and accept gifts, grants, labor, loans, and other aid from any person, or the federal government, this state, or a political subdivision of this state or any agency of the federal government, this state, a political subdivision of this state, or an intergovernmental entity created under the laws of this state or participate in any other way in a program of the federal government, this state, a political subdivision of this state, or an intergovernmental entity created under the laws of this state.

(f) Procure insurance against loss in connection with the property, assets, or activities of the authority.

(g) Invest money of the authority, at the discretion of the board of directors of the authority, in instruments, obligations, securities, or property determined proper by the board of directors of the authority, and name and use depositories for its money.

(h) Employ legal and technical experts, other officers, agents, or employees, permanent or temporary, paid from the funds of the authority. The authority shall determine the qualifications, duties, and compensation of those it employs. The board of directors of an authority may delegate to 1 or more members, officers, agents, or employees any powers or duties it considers proper. Members of the board of directors of an authority shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses subject to available appropriations.

(i) Contract for goods and services and engage personnel as necessary and engage the services of private consultants, managers, legal counsel, engineers, accountants, and auditors for rendering professional financial assistance and advice payable out of any money of the authority.

(j) Study, develop, and prepare the reports or plans the authority considers necessary to assist it in the exercise of its powers under this act and to monitor and evaluate progress under this act.

(k) Enter into contracts for the management of, the collection of rent from, or the sale of real property held by an authority.

(l) Do all other things necessary or convenient to achieve the objectives and purposes of the authority or other laws that relate to the purposes and responsibility of the authority.

(2) The enumeration of a power in this act shall not be construed as a limitation upon the general powers of an authority. The powers granted under this act are in addition to those powers granted by any other statute or charter.

(3) An authority, in its discretion, may contract with others, public or private, for the provision of all or a portion of the services necessary for the management and operation of the authority.

(4) If an authority holds a tax deed to abandoned property, the authority may quiet title to the property under section 79a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.79a.

(5) The property of an authority and its income and operations are exempt from all taxation by this state or any of its political subdivisions.

(6) An authority shall not assist or expend any funds for, or related to, the development of a casino.

(7) An authority shall not levy any tax or special assessment.

(8) An authority shall not exercise the power of eminent domain or condemn property.

(9) An authority shall adopt a code of ethics for its directors, officers, and employees.

(10) An authority shall establish policies and procedures requiring the disclosure of relationships that may give rise to a conflict of interest. The governing body of an authority shall require that any member of the governing body with a direct or indirect interest in any matter before the authority disclose the member's interest to the governing body before the board takes any action on the matter.

## **Sec. 5.**

(1) Except as provided in section 4(8), an authority may acquire by gift, devise, transfer, exchange, foreclosure, purchase, or otherwise on terms and conditions and in a manner the authority considers proper, real or personal property, or rights or interests in real or personal property.

(2) Real property acquired by an authority by purchase may be by purchase contract, lease purchase agreement, installment sales contract, land contract, or otherwise, except as provided in section 4(8). The authority may acquire real property or rights or interests in real property for any purpose the authority considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, 1 or more of the following purposes:

(a) The use or development of property the authority has otherwise acquired.

(b) To facilitate the assembly of property for sale or lease to any other public or private person, including, but not limited to, a nonprofit or for profit corporation.

(c) To protect or prevent the extinguishing of any lien, including a tax lien, held by the authority or imposed upon property held by the authority.

(3) An authority may also acquire by purchase, on terms and conditions and in a manner the authority considers proper, property or rights or interest in property from 1 or more of the following sources:

(a) The department of natural resources under section 2101 or 2102 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2101 and 324.2102.

(b) A foreclosing governmental unit under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.

(c) The Michigan state housing development authority under the state housing development authority act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1401 to 125.1499c.

(4) An authority may hold and own in its name any property acquired by it or conveyed to it by this state, a foreclosing governmental unit, a local unit of government, an intergovernmental entity created under the laws of this state, or any other public or private person, including, but not limited to, tax reverted property and property with or without clear title.

(5) All deeds, mortgages, contracts, leases, purchases, or other agreements regarding property of an authority, including agreements to acquire or dispose of real property, may be approved by and executed in the name of the authority.

(6) A foreclosing governmental unit may not transfer property subject to forfeiture, foreclosure, and sale under sections 78 to 78p of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78 to 211.78p, until after the property has been offered for sale or other transfer under section 78m of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78m, and the foreclosing governmental unit has retained possession of the property under section 78m(7) of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78m.

## **Sec. 6.**

(1) An authority may, without the approval of a local unit of government in which property held by the authority is located, control, hold, manage, maintain, operate, repair, lease as lessor, secure, prevent the waste or deterioration of, demolish, and take all other actions necessary to preserve the value of the property it holds or owns. An authority may take or perform the following with respect to property held or owned by the authority:

(a) Grant or acquire a license, easement, or option with respect to property as the authority determines is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of this act.

(b) Fix, charge, and collect rents, fees, and charges for use of property under the control of the authority or for services provided by the authority.

(c) Pay any tax or special assessment due on property acquired or owned by the authority.

(d) Take any action, provide any notice, or institute any proceeding required to clear or quiet title to property held by the authority in order to establish ownership by and vest title to property in the authority, including, but not limited to, an expedited quiet title and foreclosure action under section 9.

(e) Remediate environmental contamination on any property held by the authority.

(2) An authority shall be made a party to and shall defend any action or proceeding concerning title claims against property held by the authority.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), an authority may accept from a person with an interest in a parcel of tax delinquent property or tax reverted property a deed conveying that person's interest in the property in lieu of the foreclosure or sale of the property for delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest levied under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, or delinquent specific taxes levied under another law of this state against the property by a local unit of government or other taxing jurisdiction.

(4) An authority may not accept under subsection (3) a deed in lieu of foreclosure or sale of the tax lien attributable to taxes levied by a local unit of government or other taxing jurisdiction without the written approval of all taxing jurisdictions and the foreclosing governmental unit that would be affected. Upon approval of the affected taxing jurisdictions and the foreclosing governmental unit, all of the unpaid general ad valorem taxes and specific taxes levied on the property, whether recorded or not, shall be extinguished. The authority shall record proof of the acceptance by the affected taxing jurisdictions under this subsection and the deed in lieu of foreclosure with the register of deeds for the county in which the property is located.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (4), conveyance of property by deed in lieu of foreclosure under this section shall not affect or impair any other lien against that property or any existing recorded or unrecorded interest in that property, including, but not limited to, future installments of special assessments, liens recorded by this state, or restrictions imposed under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106, easements or rights-of-way,

private deed restrictions, security interests and mortgages, or tax liens of other taxing jurisdictions or a foreclosing governmental unit that does not consent to a release of their liens.

(6) A tax lien against property held by or under the control of an authority may be released at any time by 1 or more of the following:

(a) The governing body of a local unit of government with respect to a lien held by the local unit of government.

(b) The governing body of any other taxing jurisdiction other than this state with respect to a lien held by the taxing jurisdiction.

(c) A foreclosing governmental unit with respect to a tax lien or right to collect a tax held by the foreclosing governmental unit.

(d) The state treasurer with respect to a tax lien securing the state education tax under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.

#### **Sec. 7.**

(1) Except as an authority otherwise agrees by intergovernmental agreement or otherwise, on terms and conditions, and in a manner and for an amount of consideration an authority considers proper, fair, and valuable, including for no monetary consideration, the authority may convey, sell, transfer, exchange, lease as lessor, or otherwise dispose of property or rights or interests in property in which the authority holds a legal interest to any public or private person for value determined by the authority. If the department of environmental quality determines that conditions on a property transferred to an authority under section 78m(15) of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78m, represent an acute threat to public health, safety, and welfare, or to the environment, the authority shall not convey, sell, transfer, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of the property until after a determination by the department of environmental quality that the acute threat has been eliminated and that conveyance, sale, transfer, exchange, lease, or other disposal of the property by the authority will not interfere with any response activities by the department. The transfer and use of property under this section and the exercise by the authority of powers and duties under this act shall be considered a necessary public purpose and for the benefit of the public.

(2) All property held by an authority shall be inventoried and classified by the authority according to title status and suitability for use.

(3) A document, including, but not limited to, a deed, evidencing the transfer under this act of 1 or more parcels of property to an authority by this state or a political subdivision of this state may be recorded with the register of deeds office in the county in which the property is located without the payment of a fee.

#### **Sec. 8.**

(1) Money received by an authority as payment of taxes, penalties, or interest, or from the redemption or sale of property subject to a tax lien of any taxing unit shall be returned to the local tax collecting unit in which the property is located for distribution on a pro rata basis to the appropriate taxing units in an amount equal to delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest owed on the property, if any.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, as required by other law, as required under the provisions of a deed, or as an authority otherwise agrees, any proceeds received by the authority may be retained by the authority for the purposes of this act.

#### **Sec. 9.**

(1) An authority may initiate an expedited quiet title and foreclosure action under this section to quiet title to real property held by the authority or interests in tax reverted property held by the authority by recording with the register of deeds in the county in which the property subject to expedited quiet title and foreclosure is located a notice of pending expedited quiet title and foreclosure action in a form prescribed by the department of treasury. The notice shall include a legal description of the property, the street address of the property if available, the name, address, and telephone number of the authority, a statement that the property is subject to expedited quiet title proceedings and foreclosure under this act, and a statement that any legal interests in the property may be extinguished by a circuit court order vesting title to the property in the authority. If a notice is recorded in error, the authority may correct the error by recording a certificate of correction with the register of

deeds. A notice or certificate under this subsection need not be notarized and may be authenticated by a digital signature or other electronic means. Property is not subject to an expedited quiet title and foreclosure action under this section if the property was forfeited under section 78g of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78g, and remains subject to foreclosure under section 78k of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78k. If an authority has reason to believe that a property subject to an expedited quiet title and foreclosure action under this section may be the site of environmental contamination, the authority shall provide the department of environmental quality with any information in the possession of the authority that suggests the property may be the site of environmental contamination.

(2) After recording the notice under subsection (1), an authority shall initiate a search of records identified in this subsection to identify the owners of a property interest in the property who are entitled to notice of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under this section. The authority may enter into a contract with or may request from 1 or more authorized representatives a title search or other title product to identify the owners of a property interest in the property as required under this subsection or to perform the other functions set forth in this section required for the quieting of title to property under this act. The owner of a property interest is entitled to notice under this section if that owner's interest was identifiable by reference to any of the following sources before the date that the authority records the notice under subsection (1):

- (a) Land title records in the office of the county register of deeds.
- (b) Tax records in the office of the county treasurer.
- (c) Tax records in the office of the local assessor.
- (d) Tax records in the office of the local treasurer.

(3) An authority may file a single petition with the clerk of the circuit court in which property subject to expedited foreclosure under this section is located listing all property subject to expedited foreclosure by the authority and for which the authority seeks to quiet title. If available to the authority, the list of properties shall include a legal description of, a tax parcel identification number for, and the street address of each parcel of property. The petition shall seek a judgment in favor of the authority against each property listed and shall include a date, within 90 days, on which the authority requests a hearing on the petition. The petition shall request that a judgment be entered vesting absolute title in the authority, without right of redemption for each parcel of property listed, as provided in this section. Prior to the entry of judgment under this section, the authority may request the court to remove property erroneously included in the petition, or any tax delinquent properties redeemed prior to the hearing.

(4) The clerk of the circuit court in which a petition is filed under subsection (3) shall immediately set the date, time, and place for a hearing on the petition for foreclosure. The date shall be set by the clerk and shall not be more than 10 days after the date requested by the authority in the petition. In no event may the clerk schedule the hearing later than 90 days after the filing of a petition by the authority under subsection (3).

(5) After completing the records search under subsection (2), an authority shall determine the address or addresses reasonably calculated to inform those owners of a property interest in property subject to expedited foreclosure under this section of the pendency of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11). If, after conducting the title search, the authority is unable to determine an address reasonably calculated to inform persons with a property interest in property subject to expedited tax foreclosure, or if the authority discovers a deficiency in notice under subsection (10), the following shall be considered reasonable steps by the authority to ascertain the addresses of persons with a property interest in the property subject to expedited foreclosure or to ascertain an address necessary to correct a deficiency in notice under subsection (10):

- (a) For an individual, a search of records of the county probate court for the county in which the property is located.
- (b) For an individual, a search of the qualified voter file established under section 509o of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.509o, which is authorized by this subdivision.
- (c) For a partnership, a search of partnership records filed with the county clerk.
- (d) For a business entity other than a partnership, a search of business entity records filed with the corporation division of the department.

(6) Not less than 30 days before the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11), the authority shall send notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the hearing to the persons identified under subsection (5) with a property interest in property subject to expedited foreclosure. The authority shall also send a notice via regular mail addressed to the "Occupant" for each property subject to expedited foreclosure if an address for the property is ascertainable.

(7) Not less than 30 days before the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11), the authority or its authorized representative or authorized agent shall visit each parcel of property subject to expedited foreclosure and post conspicuously on the property notice of the hearing. In addition to the requirements of subsection (8), the notice shall also include the following statement: "THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AND IS SUBJECT TO AN EXPEDITED QUIET TITLE AND FORECLOSURE ACTION. PERSONS WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIOR OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY AT \_\_\_\_\_."

(8) The notice required under subsections (6) and (7) shall include:

- (a) The date on which the authority recorded under subsection (1) notice of the pending expedited quiet title and foreclosure action.
- (b) A statement that a person with a property interest in the property may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11).
- (c) A legal description, parcel number of the property, and the street address of the property, if available.
- (d) The person to whom the notice is addressed.
- (e) The date and time of the hearing on the petition for foreclosure under subsection (11) and a statement that the judgment of the court may result in title to the property vesting in the authority.
- (f) An explanation of any rights of redemption and notice that the judgment of the court may extinguish any ownership interest in or right to redeem the property.
- (g) The name, address, and telephone number of the authority.
- (h) A statement that persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of any of the properties are requested to contact the authority.

(9) If the authority is unable to ascertain the address reasonably calculated to inform the owners of a property interest entitled to notice under this section, or is unable to provide notice under subsection (6) or (7), the authority shall provide notice by publication. Prior to the hearing, a notice shall be published for 3 successive weeks, once each week, in a newspaper published and circulated in the county in which the property is located. If no paper is published in that county, publication shall be made in a newspaper published and circulated in an adjoining county. This publication shall substitute for notice under subsection (6) or (7). The published notice shall include all of the following:

- (a) A legal description, parcel number of the property, and the street address of the property, if available.
- (b) The name of any person not notified under subsection (6) or (7) that the authority reasonably believes may be entitled to notice under this section of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11).
- (c) A statement that a person with a property interest in the property may lose his or her interest, if any, as a result of the foreclosure proceeding under subsection (11).
- (d) The date and time of the hearing on the petition for foreclosure under subsection (11).
- (e) A statement that the judgment of the court may result in title to the property vesting in the authority.
- (f) An explanation of any rights of redemption and notice that judgment of the court may extinguish any ownership interest in or right to redeem the property.

(g) The name, address, and telephone number of the authority.

(h) A statement that persons with information regarding the owner or prior owner of any of the properties are requested to contact the authority.

(10) If prior to the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11) the authority discovers any deficiency in the provision of notice under this section, the authority shall take reasonable steps in good faith to correct the deficiency before the hearing. The provisions of this section relating to notice of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing are exclusive and exhaustive. Other requirements relating to notice and proof of service under other law, rule, or other legal requirement are not applicable to notice or proof of service under this section.

(11) If a petition for expedited quiet title and foreclosure is filed under subsection (3), before the hearing, the authority shall file with the clerk of the circuit court proof of notice by certified mail under subsection (6), proof of notice by posting on the property under subsection (7), and proof of notice by publication, if applicable. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure who desires to contest that petition shall file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the authority before the date of the hearing. The circuit court may appoint and utilize as the court considers necessary a special master for assistance with the resolution of any objections to the foreclosure or questions regarding the title to property subject to foreclosure. If the court withholds property from foreclosure, an authority's ability to include the property in a subsequent petition for expedited quiet title and foreclosure is not prejudiced. No injunction shall issue to stay an expedited quiet title and foreclosure action under this section. The circuit court shall enter judgment on a petition to quiet title and foreclosure filed under subsection (3) not more than 10 days after the conclusion of the hearing or contested case, and the judgment shall be effective 10 days after the conclusion of the hearing or contested case. The circuit court's judgment shall specify all of the following:

(a) The legal description and, if known, the street address of the property foreclosed.

(b) That fee simple title to property foreclosed by the judgment is vested absolutely in the authority, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (c) and (e), without any further rights of redemption.

(c) That all liens against the property, including any lien for unpaid taxes or special assessments, except future installments of special assessments and liens recorded by this state or the authority under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106, are extinguished.

(d) That, except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (c) and (e), the authority has good and marketable fee simple title to the property.

(e) That all existing recorded and unrecorded interests in that property are extinguished, except a visible or recorded easement or right-of-way, private deed restrictions, plat restrictions, or restrictions or other governmental interests imposed under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106.

(f) A finding that all persons entitled to notice and an opportunity to be heard have been provided that notice and opportunity. A person shall be deemed to have been provided notice and an opportunity to be heard if the authority followed the procedures for provision of notice by mail, for visits to property subject to expedited quiet title and foreclosure, and for publication under this section, or if 1 or more of the following apply:

(i) The person had constructive notice of the hearing by acquiring an interest in the property after the date of the recording under subsection (1) of the notice of pending expedited quiet title and foreclosure action.

(ii) The person appeared at the hearing under this subsection or submitted written objections to the clerk of the circuit court under this subsection prior to the hearing.

(iii) Prior to the hearing under this subsection, the person had actual notice of the hearing.

(12) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (11)(c) and (e), fee simple title to property set forth in a petition for foreclosure filed under subsection (3) shall vest absolutely in the authority upon the effective date of the judgment by the circuit court and the authority shall have absolute title to the property. The authority's title is not subject to any recorded or unrecorded lien, except as provided in subsection (11) and shall not be stayed or held invalid except as provided in

subsection (13). A judgment entered under this section is a final order with respect to the property affected by the judgment and shall not be modified, stayed, or held invalid after the effective date of the judgment, except as provided in subsection (14).

(13) An authority or a person claiming to have a property interest under subsection (2) in property foreclosed under this section may within 21 days of the effective date of the judgment under subsection (12) appeal the circuit court's order or the circuit court's judgment foreclosing property to the court of appeals. An appeal under this subsection is limited to the record of the proceedings in the circuit court under this section. The circuit court's judgment foreclosing property shall be stayed until the court of appeals has reversed, modified, or affirmed that judgment. If an appeal under this subsection stays the circuit court's judgment foreclosing property, the circuit court's judgment is stayed only as to the property that is the subject of that appeal and the circuit court's judgment foreclosing other property that is not the subject of that appeal is not stayed. To appeal the circuit court's judgment foreclosing property, a person appealing the judgment shall pay to the authority any taxes, interest, penalties, and fees due on the property and provide notice of the appeal to the authority within 21 days after the circuit court's judgment is effective. If the circuit court's judgment foreclosing the property is affirmed on appeal, the amount determined to be due shall be refunded to the person who appealed the judgment. If the circuit court's judgment foreclosing the property is reversed or modified on appeal, the authority shall refund the amount determined to be due to the person who appealed the judgment, if any, and forward the balance to the appropriate taxing jurisdictions in accordance with the order of the court of appeals.

(14) The authority shall record a notice of judgment for each parcel of foreclosed property in the office of the register of deeds for the county in which the foreclosed property is located in a form prescribed by the department of treasury. If an authority records a notice of judgment in error, the authority may subsequently record a certificate of correction. A notice or certificate under this subsection need not be notarized and may be authenticated by a digital signature or other electronic means. After the entry of a judgment foreclosing the property under this section, if the property has not been transferred by the authority, the authority may cancel the foreclosure by recording with the register of deeds of the county in which the property is located a certificate of error in a form prescribed by the department of treasury, if the authority discovers any of the following:

- (a) The description of the property used in the expedited quiet title and foreclosure proceeding was so indefinite or erroneous that the foreclosure of the property was void.
- (b) An owner of an interest in the property entitled to notice of the expedited quiet title and proceedings against the property under this section was not provided notice sufficient to satisfy the minimum due process requirements of the constitution of this state and the constitution of the United States.
- (c) A judgment of foreclosure was entered under this section in violation of an order issued by a United States bankruptcy court.

(15) If a judgment of foreclosure is entered under subsection (12), and all existing recorded and unrecorded interests in a parcel of property are extinguished as provided in subsection (12), the owner of any extinguished recorded or unrecorded interest in that property who claims that he or she did not receive notice of the expedited quiet title and foreclosure action shall not bring an action for possession of the property against any subsequent owner, but may only bring an action to recover monetary damages as provided in this subsection. The court of claims has original and exclusive jurisdiction in any action to recover monetary damages under this subsection. An action to recover monetary damages under this subsection shall not be brought more than 2 years after a judgment for foreclosure is entered under subsection (12). Any monetary damages recoverable under this subsection shall be determined as of the date a judgment for foreclosure is entered under subsection (12) and shall not exceed the fair market value of the interest in the property held by the person bringing the action under this section on that date, less any taxes, interest, penalties, and fees owed on the property as of that date. The right to sue for monetary damages under this subsection shall not be transferable except by testate or intestate succession.

(16) The owner of a property interest with notice of the quiet title and foreclosure hearing under subsection (11) may not assert any of the following:

- (a) That notice to the owner was insufficient or inadequate in any way because some other owner of a property interest in the property was not notified.
- (b) That any right to redeem tax reverted property was extended in any way because some other person was not notified.

(17) A person holding or formerly holding an interest in tax reverted property subject to expedited foreclosure under this section is barred from questioning the validity of the expedited foreclosure under this section if 1 or more of the following apply:

(a) Prior to the transfer of the property to the authority, the property was deeded to this state under section 67a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.67a, and the person or the person's predecessor in title was notified of a hearing regarding the deeding of the property as required by section 131e of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.131e.

(b) Prior to the transfer of the property to the authority, title to the property vested in a foreclosing governmental unit following a circuit court hearing under section 78k of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78k, and the person or the person's predecessor in title was notified of the hearing under section 78i of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78i.

(18) The failure of an authority to comply with any provision of this section shall not invalidate any proceeding under this section if a person with a property interest in property subject to foreclosure was accorded the minimum due process required under the state constitution of 1963 and the constitution of the United States.

(19) It is the intent of the legislature that the provisions of this section relating to the expedited quiet title and foreclosure of property by an authority satisfy the minimum requirements of due process required under the constitution of this state and the constitution of the United States but that the provisions do not create new rights beyond those required under the state constitution of 1963 or the constitution of the United States. The failure of an authority, this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a local unit of government to follow a requirement of this section relating to the expedited quiet title and foreclosure of property held by an authority shall not be construed to create a claim or cause of action against an authority, this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a local unit of government unless the minimum requirements of due process accorded under the state constitution of 1963 or the constitution of the United States are violated.

(20) As used in this section, "authorized representative" includes 1 or more of the following:

(a) A title insurance company or agent licensed to conduct business in this state.

(b) An attorney licensed to practice law in this state.

(c) A person accredited in land title search procedures by a nationally recognized organization in the field of land title searching.

(d) A person with demonstrated experience in the field of searching land title records, as determined by the authority.

## **Sec. 10.**

(1) If an authority has reason to believe that property held by the authority may be the site of environmental contamination, the authority shall provide the department of environmental quality with any information in the possession of the authority that suggests that the property may be the site of environmental contamination.

(2) If property held by an authority is a facility as defined under section 20101(1)(o) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101, prior to the sale or transfer of the property under this section, the property is subject to all of the following:

(a) Upon reasonable written notice from the department of environmental quality, the authority shall provide access to the department of environmental quality, its employees, its contractors, and any other person expressly authorized by the department of environmental quality to conduct response activities at the property. Reasonable written notice under this subdivision may include, but is not limited to, notice by electronic mail or facsimile, if the authority consents to notice by electronic mail or facsimile prior to provision of notice by the department of environmental quality.

(b) If requested by the department of environmental quality to protect public health, safety, and welfare or the environment, the authority shall grant an easement for access to conduct response activities on the property as authorized under chapter 7 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101

to 324.20302.

(c) If requested by the department of environmental quality to protect public health, safety, and welfare or the environment, the authority shall place and record deed restrictions on the property as authorized under chapter 7 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101 to 324.20302.

(d) The department of environmental quality may place an environmental lien on the property as authorized under section 20138 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20138.

(3) For purposes of part 201 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101 to 324.20142, an authority shall be considered a local unit of government. Except as provided under parts 111, 115, and 315 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.11101 to 324.11153, 324.11501 to 324.11550, and 324.31501 to 324.31529, the acquisition or control of property through tax delinquent forfeiture, foreclosure, or sale, abandonment, court order, circumstances in which the authority has acquired title or control of the property under this act, or by a transfer of the property to the authority by this state, an agency or department of this state, or any local unit of government of this state shall not subject the authority to liability under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106, unless the authority is responsible for an activity causing a release on the property or other activity giving rise to liability under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106. This subsection shall not be considered to restrict or diminish any protection from liability that is otherwise available to the authority under the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106.

**Sec. 11.**

(1) An authority may institute a civil action to prevent, restrain, or enjoin the waste of or unlawful removal of any property from tax reverted property or other real property held by the authority.

(2) A circuit court may, on application, order the purchaser of any real property sold by an authority under this act in possession of the property.

**Sec. 12.** An authority shall be made a party to any action or proceeding instituted for the purpose of setting aside title to property held by the authority, the sale of property by the authority, or an expedited foreclosure under section 9. A hearing in any such proceeding shall not be held until the authority is served with process and proper proof of service is filed.

**Sec. 13.** Property of an authority is public property devoted to an essential public and governmental function and purpose. Income of the authority is considered to be for a public and governmental purpose. The property of the authority and its income and operation are exempt from all taxes and special assessments of this state or a local unit of government of this state. Bonds or notes issued by the authority, and the interest on and income from those bonds and notes, are exempt from all taxation of this state or a local unit of government.

**Sec. 14.**

(1) This act shall be construed liberally to effectuate the legislative intent and the purposes as complete and independent authorization for the performance of each and every act and thing authorized by this act, and all powers granted shall be broadly interpreted to effectuate the intent and purposes and not as a limitation of powers. In the exercise of its powers and duties under this act and its powers relating to property held by the authority, the authority shall have complete control as fully and completely as if it represented a private property owner and shall not be subject to restrictions imposed on the authority by the charter, ordinances, or resolutions of a local unit of government.

(2) Unless permitted by this act or approved by an authority, any restrictions, standards, conditions, or prerequisites of a city, village, township, or county otherwise applicable to an authority and enacted after the effective date of this act shall not apply to an authority. This subsection is intended to prohibit special local legislation or ordinances applicable exclusively or primarily to an authority and not to exempt an authority from laws generally applicable to other persons or entities.

(3) The provisions of this act apply notwithstanding any resolution, ordinance, or charter provision to the contrary. This section is not intended to exempt an authority from local zoning or land use controls, including, but not limited to, those controls authorized under the city and village zoning act, 1921 PA 207, MCL 125.581 to 125.600, the local historic districts act, 1970 PA 169, MCL 399.201 to 399.215, or 1945 PA 344, MCL 125.71 to 125.84.

(4) The transfer to an authority of tax reverted property, the title to which involuntarily vested in this state under section 67a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.67a, in a foreclosing governmental unit under section 78m(7) of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78m, or in a qualified city pursuant to procedures established under the charter or ordinances of the qualified city, shall be construed as an involuntary transfer of property to the authority. After a transfer described in this subsection, the authority shall be deemed to have assumed any governmental immunity or other legal defenses of this state, the foreclosing governmental unit, or the local unit of government related to the property and the manner in which title to the property was held by this state or the local unit of government.

**Sec. 15.**

(1) The land bank fast track authority is created as a public body corporate and politic within the department.

(2) The state authority shall exercise its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities independently of the director of the department. The budgeting, procurement, and related administrative or management functions of the state authority shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the director of the department. The state authority may contract with the department for the purpose of maintaining the rights and interests of the state authority.

(3) Subject to available appropriations, if requested by the state authority, the department shall provide staff and other support to the state authority sufficient to carry out its duties, powers, and responsibilities.

(4) All departments and agencies of state government shall provide full cooperation to the state authority in the performance of its duties, powers, and responsibilities.

**Sec. 16.**

(1) The purposes, powers, and duties of the state authority are vested in and shall be exercised by a board of directors. The authority board shall consist of 7 members. The governor shall appoint 4 residents of this state as members of the authority board. The members of the authority board shall serve terms of 4 years. In appointing the initial members of the authority board, the governor shall designate 2 to serve for 4 years, 1 to serve for 3 years, and 1 to serve for 2 years. All of the following shall also serve as members of the authority board:

(a) The director of the department or his or her designee.

(b) The chief executive officer of the Michigan economic development corporation or his or her designee.

(c) The executive director of the Michigan state housing development authority or his or her designee.

(2) Upon appointment to the authority board under subsection (1) and upon the taking and filing of the constitutional oath of office prescribed in section 1 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963, a member of the authority board shall enter the office and exercise the duties of the office. A member of the authority board may be removed by the governor as provided in section 10 of article V of the state constitution of 1963.

(3) Regardless of the cause of a vacancy on the authority board, the governor shall fill a vacancy in the office by appointment in the same manner as an appointment under subsection (1). A vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term of the office. A member of the authority board shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

(4) The authority board shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its members. Members of the authority board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

(5) A state officer or director who is a member of the authority board may designate a representative from his or her department or agency as a voting member of the authority board for 1 or more meetings.

(6) A member of the authority board, officer, employee, or agent of the state authority shall discharge the duties of his or her position in a nonpartisan manner, with good faith, and with that degree of diligence, care, and skill that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances in a like position. In discharging the duties of his or her position, a member of the authority board or an officer, employee, or agent, when acting in good faith, may rely upon the opinion of counsel for the state authority, upon the report of an independent appraiser selected with reasonable care by the board, or upon financial statements of the authority represented to the member of the authority board or officer, employee, or agent of the state authority to be correct by the president or the officer of the state authority having charge of its books or account, or stated in

a written report by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants fairly to reflect the financial condition of the state authority.

**Sec. 17.** The governor shall appoint a person to serve as the executive director of the state authority. A member of the authority board is not eligible to hold the position of executive director. Before entering upon the duties of his or her office, the executive director shall take and file the constitutional oath of office provided in section 1 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. Subject to the approval of the authority board, the executive director shall supervise, and be responsible for, the performance of the functions of the state authority under this act. The executive director shall attend the meetings of the authority board and shall provide the authority board and the governing body of the state authority a regular report describing the activities and financial condition of the state authority. The executive director shall furnish the authority board with information or reports governing the operation of the state authority as the authority board requires.

**Sec. 18.**

- (1) The land bank fast track fund is created under the jurisdiction and control of the state authority and may be administered to secure any notes and bonds of the state authority.
- (2) The state authority may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state authority shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
- (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to any other fund.
- (4) The state authority shall expend money from the fund only for 1 or more of the following:
  - (a) Costs to clear or quiet title to property held by the state authority.
  - (b) To repay a loan made to the state authority under section 2f of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.142f.
  - (c) Any other purposes provided in this act.
- (5) The state authority shall deposit into the fund all money it receives from the sale or transfer of property under this act, subject to section 8. The state authority shall credit to the fund the proceeds of the sale of notes or bonds to the extent provided for in the authorizing resolution of the state authority, and any other money made available to the state authority for the purposes of the fund.

**Sec. 19.**

- (1) The state authority may borrow money and issue bonds or notes for the following purposes:
  - (a) To provide sufficient funds for achieving the state authority's purposes and objectives or incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out the state authority's purposes and objectives, including necessary administrative costs.
  - (b) To refund bonds or notes of the state authority issued under this act, by the issuance of new bonds, whether or not the bonds or notes to be refunded have matured or are subject to prior redemption or are to be paid, redeemed, or surrendered at the time of the issuance of the refunding bonds or notes; and to issue bonds or notes partly to refund the bonds or notes and partly for any other purpose provided for by this section.
  - (c) To pay the costs of issuance of bonds or notes under this act; to pay interest on bonds or notes becoming payable before the receipt of the first revenues available for payment of that interest as determined by the authority board; and to establish, in full or in part, a reserve for the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds or notes in the amount determined by the authority board.
- (2) The bonds and notes, including, but not limited to, commercial paper, shall be authorized by resolution adopted by the authority board, shall bear the date or dates, and shall mature at the time or times not exceeding 50 years from the date of issuance, as the resolution may provide. The bonds and notes shall bear interest at the rate or rates as may be set, reset, or calculated from time to time, or may bear no interest, as provided in the resolution. The bonds and notes shall be in the denominations, be in the form, either coupon or registered, carry the registration privileges, be transferable, be executed in the manner, be payable in the medium of payment, at the place or places, and be subject to the terms of prior redemption at the

option of the state authority or the holders of the bonds and notes as the resolution or resolutions may provide. The bonds and notes of the state authority may be sold at public or private sale at the price or prices determined by the state authority. Bonds and notes may be sold at a discount.

(3) Bonds or notes may be 1 or more of the following:

- (a) Made the subject of a put or agreement to repurchase by the state authority or others.
- (b) Secured by a letter of credit or by any other collateral that the resolution may authorize.
- (c) Reissued by the state authority once reacquired by the state authority pursuant to any put or repurchase agreement.

(4) The state authority may authorize by resolution any member of the board to do 1 or more of the following:

- (a) Sell and deliver, and receive payment for notes or bonds.
- (b) Refund notes or bonds by the delivery of new notes or bonds whether or not the notes or bonds to be refunded have matured, are subject to prior redemption, or are to be paid, redeemed, or surrendered at the time of the issuance of refunding bonds or notes.
- (c) Deliver notes or bonds, partly to refund notes or bonds and partly for any other authorized purposes.
- (d) Buy notes or bonds issued at not more than the face value of the notes or bonds.
- (e) Approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights at the option of the state authority or the holder, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures necessary to complete the transactions authorized.

(5) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided by the state authority, every issue of its notes or bonds shall be general obligations of the state authority payable out of revenues, properties, or money of the state authority, subject only to agreements with the holders of particular notes or bonds pledging particular receipts, revenues, properties, or money as security for the notes or bonds.

(6) The notes or bonds of the state authority are negotiable instruments within the meaning of and for all the purposes of the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174, MCL 440.1101 to 440.11102, subject only to the provisions of the notes or bonds for registration.

(7) Bonds or notes issued by the state authority are not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821. The issuance of bonds and notes under this act is subject to the agency financing reporting act, 2002 PA 470, MCL 129.171 to 129.177. The bonds or notes issued by the state authority are not required to be registered. A filing of a bond or note of the state authority is not required under the uniform securities act, 1964 PA 265, MCL 451.501 to 451.818.

(8) A bond or note issued by the state authority shall contain on its face a statement to the effect that the state authority is obligated to pay the principal of and the interest on the bond or note only from revenue or funds of the state authority pledged for the payment of principal and interest and that this state is not obligated to pay that principal and interest and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of this state is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on the bond or note.

**Sec. 20.**

(1) The state administrative board may transfer to the state authority tax reverted property owned or under control of this state, on terms and conditions the state administrative board considers appropriate and consistent with the provisions of this act. A transfer of property by the state administrative board under this section is subject only to the terms and conditions imposed by the state administrative board and is not subject to section 2101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2101.

(2) The state administrative board shall transfer and convey to the state authority, subject to the conditions and restrictions of this section, the surplus state real property described in this section, including all options, easements, rights-of-way, and all improvements to the property except as noted in this section. All of the following described state surplus real property shall be transferred to the state authority under this section:

(a) Land in the City of Southgate, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: That part of the southwest 1/4 and of the southeast 1/4 of section 35, town 3 south, range 10 east, City of Southgate, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as: Beginning at the south 1/4 corner of section 35, town 3 south, range 10 east; thence north 89 degrees 29 minutes 52 seconds west 377.03 feet along the south line of said section 35; thence north 00 degrees 07 minutes 38 seconds east 1950.98 feet to centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 63 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds east 15.60 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 37 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds east 61.06 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 54 degrees 43 minutes 11 seconds east 78.36 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 50 degrees 32 minutes 05 seconds east 47.65 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 35 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds east 67.52 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 63 degrees 46 minutes 49 seconds east 32.66 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 45 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds east 71.96 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 61 degrees 13 minutes 05 seconds east 61.73 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 50 degrees 50 minutes 08 seconds east 41.80 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 44 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds east 33.12 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 29 degrees 37 minutes 15 seconds east 34.98 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 05 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds east 49.66 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 28 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds west 36.63 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 33 degrees 24 minutes 36 seconds east 119.14 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence north 67 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds east 50.70 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence north 88 degrees 16 minutes 46 seconds east 484.63 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain; thence south 80 degrees 13 minutes 42 seconds east 53.20 feet along centerline of Frank and Poet Drain to east line of west 1/2 of west 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 35; thence north 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds east 106.82 feet along above noted east line; thence south 57 degrees 15 minutes 29 seconds east 449.51 feet to south 1/16 line of section 35; thence north 89 degrees 37 minutes 15 seconds west 50.00 feet along south 1/16 line of section 35; thence south 00 degrees 04 minutes 09 seconds west 1311.05 feet to south line of section 35; thence north 89 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds west 989.22 feet along south line of section 35 to point of beginning.

(3) Proceeds from the sale of property transferred to the state authority under this section shall be deposited in the fund and expended for purposes of this act.

(4) The governor may direct a department or agency of this state to prepare or record any documents necessary to evidence the transfer of property to the state authority under this section.

**Sec. 21.** If the state authority has completed the purposes for which it was organized, the authority board, by vote of at least 5 directors and with the written consent of the governor, may provide for the dissolution of the state authority and may provide for the transfer of any property held by the state authority to another authority or state agency. Upon the dissolution of the state authority, any remaining balance in the fund shall be transferred to the general fund of this state.

**Sec. 22.** The state authority shall report biennially to the legislature on the activities of the state authority.

**Sec. 23.**

(1) An authority may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Michigan economic development corporation for the joint exercise of powers and duties under this act, of the powers and duties of the authority and the Michigan economic development corporation, and for the provision of economic development services related to the activities of the authority.

(2) An authority may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Michigan state housing development authority for the joint exercise of powers and duties under this act, of the powers and duties of the authority and the Michigan state housing development authority, and for the provision of redevelopment services related to the activities of the authority.

(3) A county, city, qualified city, township, or village may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the state authority providing for the transfer to the authority of tax reverted property held by the county, city, township, or village, for title clearance, for the disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the property, and for other activities authorized under this act, including the return or transfer of property under the control of the authority to the county, city, township, or village. An

intergovernmental agreement under this subsection may not provide for a separate legal or administrative entity to administer or execute the agreement under section 7 of the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.507.

(4) A county foreclosing governmental unit may, with the approval of the board of commissioners for that county and, if that county has an elected county executive, with the concurrence of the elected county executive, enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the state authority providing for the exercise of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of an authority under this act and for the creation of a county authority to exercise those functions. If a county authority is created under this subsection, the treasurer of the county shall be a member of the authority board.

(5) A qualified city may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the state authority providing for the exercise of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of an authority under this act and for the creation of a local authority to exercise those functions.

(6) An intergovernmental agreement under subsection (4) or (5) shall provide for all of the following:

- (a) The incorporation of a county or local authority as a public body corporate.
- (b) The name of the authority.
- (c) The size of the initial governing body of the county or local authority, which shall be composed of an odd number of members.
- (d) The qualifications, method of selection, and terms of office of the initial board members.
- (e) A method for the adoption of articles of incorporation by the governing body of the county or local authority.
- (f) A method for the distribution of proceeds from the activities of the county or local authority.
- (g) A method for the dissolution of the local or county authority and for the withdrawal from the authority of any governmental agencies involved.
- (h) Any other matters considered advisable by the participating governmental agencies, consistent with this act.

(7) If under the charter of a qualified city the qualified city collects delinquent city real property taxes and does not return the delinquent taxes to the treasurer of the county in which the qualified city is located under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, any of the following property held by the qualified city may be transferred to a local authority:

- (a) Tax delinquent real property for which a lien has been deemed sold to a city department director under the charter or ordinances of the qualified city, except for property that was deeded to a department director less than 2 years before the proposed transfer to the local authority.
- (b) Tax delinquent real property held by the city that has been foreclosed by the qualified city and for which title has vested in the city pursuant to procedures established under the charter or ordinances of the qualified city.
- (c) Any tax reverted property owned or under the control of the qualified city.

(8) A qualified city may authorize the transfer with or without consideration of any real property or interest in real property to a local authority including, but not limited to, tax reverted property or interests in tax reverted property held or acquired after the creation of the local authority by the qualified city, with the consent of the local authority.

(9) A qualified city and any agency or department of a qualified city, or any other official public body, may do 1 or more of the following:

- (a) Anything necessary or convenient to aid a local authority in fulfilling its purposes under this act.
- (b) Lend, grant, transfer, appropriate, or contribute funds to a local authority in furtherance of its purposes.

(c) Lend, grant, transfer, or convey funds to a local authority that are received from the federal government or this state or from any nongovernmental entity in aid of the purposes of this act.

(10) A local authority may reimburse advances made by a qualified city under subsection (9) or by any other person for costs eligible to be incurred by the local authority with any source of revenue available for use of the local authority under this act and enter into agreements related to these reimbursements. A reimbursement agreement under this subsection is not subject to section 305 of the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2305.

(11) A local authority may enter into agreements with the county treasurer of the county in which the qualified city is located for the collection of property taxes or the enforcement and consolidation of tax liens within that qualified city for any property or interest in property transferred to the local authority.

(12) Unless specifically reserved or conditioned upon the approval of the governing body of a qualified city, all powers granted under this act to a local authority may be exercised by the local authority without the approval of the governing body of the qualified city, notwithstanding any charter, ordinance, or resolution to the contrary.

(13) Prior to its effectiveness, an intergovernmental agreement under this section shall be filed with the county clerk of each county where a party to the agreement is located and with the secretary of state.

#### **Sec. 24.**

(1) By resolution of its board, an authority created under section 23 may borrow money and issue bonds and notes, subject to limitations set forth in this section, for the purpose of achieving the purposes of and objectives incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes and objectives of the authority, including, but not limited to, necessary administrative and operational costs. The bonds or notes shall mature in not more than 30 years and shall bear interest and be sold and be payable in the manner and upon the terms and conditions determined, or within the parameters specified, by the authority in the resolution authorizing issuance of the bonds or notes. The bonds or notes may include capitalized interest, an amount sufficient to fund costs of the issuance of the bonds or notes, and a sum to provide a reasonable reserve for payment of principal and interest on the bonds or notes. Bonds or notes issued under this section are not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821. The resolution authorizing the obligations shall create a lien on revenues pledged by the resolution that shall be a statutory lien and shall be a first lien subject only to liens previously created. The resolution may provide the terms upon which additional bonds or notes may be issued of equal standing and parity of lien as to revenues pledged under the resolution.

(2) The qualified city or county which authorized the formation of an authority under section 23 may by a majority vote of its governing body make a limited tax pledge to support the authority's bonds or notes, or if authorized by the voters of the qualified city or county, may pledge its unlimited tax full faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest on the authority's bonds or notes.

(3) The bonds or notes issued under this section shall be secured by 1 or more sources of revenue available to the authority, as provided by resolution of the authority, including revenues available to the authority under the tax reverted property clean title act.

(4) The bonds and notes of the authority may be invested in by the state treasurer and all other public officers, state agencies, and political subdivisions, insurance companies, banks, savings and loan associations, investment companies, and fiduciaries and trustees, and may be deposited with and received by the state treasurer and all other public officers and the agencies and political subdivisions of this state for 1 or more of the purposes for which the deposit of bonds or notes is authorized. The authorization granted by this section is supplemental and in addition to all other authority granted by law.

(5) The net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on an obligation issued by or incurred by the authority to refund an obligation incurred under this section, including the cost of issuance, shall be less than the net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the obligation being refunded as calculated using a method approved by the department of treasury.

(6) An obligation issued by an authority under this section shall not appreciate in principal amount or be sold at a discount of more than 10% unless the obligation of the authority is issued to this state, an agency of this state, the county, or the qualifying city.

(7) Bonds and notes issued by an authority under this section and the interest on and income from the bonds and notes are exempt from taxation by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(8) This section does not apply to a loan under section 2f of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.142f.

Enacting section 1. The tax reverted property emergency disposal act, 1999 PA 134, MCL 211.971 to 211.976, is repealed.

Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) House Bill No. 4480.

(b) House Bill No. 4481.

(c) House Bill No. 4482.

(d) House Bill No. 4484.

(e) House Bill No. 4488.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor