

SENATE BILL No. 292

April 12, 1989, Introduced by Senator MACK and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to authorize the creation of tourism enterprise zones by local units of government; and to grant certain powers to boards of county commissioners with respect to tourism enterprise zones.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that it is in the public
2 interest to promote economic growth and to encourage the private
3 investment of out-of-state money for the development of tourism,
4 the creation of jobs to replace those lost due to the decline in
5 the deep shaft iron ore mining industry, the upgrading of jobs
6 for residents in local governmental units that are economically
7 distressed, and the implementation of pilot projects related to
8 the development of tourism without the use of tax abatement and
9 local or state funds.

1 (2) The legislature further finds that the present and
2 future health, safety, right of gainful employment, business
3 opportunities, and general welfare of this state require, as a
4 public purpose, that tourism enterprise zones be created to
5 encourage tourism resulting in the location and expansion of
6 businesses and the utilization of commercial jet air transporta-
7 tion facilities without the use of state subsidies.

8 Sec. 2. A tourism enterprise zone may be created for the
9 purpose of promoting and developing tourism in a county of this
10 state if all of the following requirements are met:

11 (a) The economy of the county has been dependent upon the
12 extraction of raw minerals by deep shaft iron ore mining.

13 (b) The reserves of raw minerals have been depleted to such
14 an extent as to render deep shaft iron ore mining economically
15 unfeasible resulting in the substantial unemployment of deep
16 shaft mining workers.

17 (c) The county is located in an area where the availability
18 of rail and truck transportation is below the amount needed for
19 normal industrial development.

20 (d) The school facilities are both below current state stan-
21 dards and more than 80% of those facilities are at least 60 years
22 old.

23 (e) The county has a population of not more than 50,000.

24 Sec. 3. (1) The county, by the affirmative vote of a major-
25 ity of the members elected and present at a legally called meet-
26 ing of the board of county commissioners, may create a tourism
27 enterprise zone.

1 (2) In creating a tourism enterprise zone, the board of
2 county commissioners shall designate not less than 40 acres of
3 privately held land, the legal description of which shall be cer-
4 tified by a licensed surveyor. The location of this land shall
5 be chosen by the developer.

6 (3) Capital outlay for a tourism enterprise zone shall not
7 be funded in any way with public funds, nor shall tax abatement
8 be allowed for the stimulation of tourism within the zone.

9 Sec. 4. This act shall not take effect unless all of the
10 following bills of the 85th Legislature are enacted into law:

11 (a) Senate Bill No. 289.

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13 (b) Senate Bill No. 290.

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15 (c) Senate Bill No. 291.

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