

LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 86 of 2014

123.1343 Legislative findings; declarations; purpose of act.

Sec. 3. (1) The legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) That there exists in this state a continuing need to strengthen and revitalize the economy of this state and to organize the activities of local government in metropolitan areas in a manner that reduces governmental barriers to economic growth, facilitates economic development, helps small businesses grow, preserves communities and strengthens neighborhoods, prevents or reduces unemployment, and creates jobs.

(b) That under section 27 of article VII of the state constitution of 1963, the legislature may establish in metropolitan areas additional forms of government or authorities with power, duties, and jurisdictions as the legislature shall provide.

(c) That it is necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this state to enable the formation of metropolitan governments designed to perform multipurpose functions.

(d) That the formation of a metropolitan government under this act and the powers conferred by this act constitute a necessary program and serve a necessary public purpose.

(2) The purpose of this act is to do all of the following:

(a) Establish an authority to perform multipurpose functions in the metropolitan areas of this state.

(b) Promote the public health, safety, welfare, convenience, and prosperity of this state and its metropolitan areas.

(c) Modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in this state.

(d) Dedicate revenue for local purposes, including, but not limited to, police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.

History: 2014, Act 86, Eff. Aug. 22, 2014.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 2 of Act 86 of 2014 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 822 of the 97th Legislature is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of this state voting on the question at an election to be held on the August regular election date in 2014."

Enacting section 3 of Act 86 of 2014 provides:

"Enacting section 3. If Senate Bill No. 822 of the 97th Legislature is not approved by the majority of the qualified electors of this state voting on the question at an election to be held on the August regular election in 2014, for fiscal year 2014-2015, the legislature shall appropriate an amount sufficient to make the appropriation described in section 17(1)(a) for fiscal year 2014-2015."

Compiler's note: Pursuant to section 34 of article IV of the state constitution of 1963, a legislative referendum on Act 80 of 2014 was presented to the electors as Proposal 14-1 at the August 5, 2014 primary election. The proposal read as follows:

"APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.

2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.

3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.

4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.

5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

Should this law be approved?

YES []

NO []".

Act 80 of 2014 was approved by a majority of the voters at the August 5, 2014 primary election. The election results were certified by the Michigan Board of State Canvassers on August 22, 2014.