

MICHIGAN BUSINESS INCUBATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 198 of 1984

125.1574 Community board; appointment or designation; membership; chairperson; compensation prohibited; terms; conducting business at public meeting; notice; availability of writings to public; disclosing matters of proprietary nature.

Sec. 4.

(1) A local governmental unit or educational institution or other organization that desires to have a vacant or nearly vacant building designated, in whole or in part, as a business incubation center shall appoint, in conjunction with local governmental units or private organizations that agree to contribute monetarily or in kind to the center, a community board to perform the duties required of the board by this act. A local governmental unit or educational institution may designate an existing board of an economic development entity, such as an economic development corporation created pursuant to the economic development corporations act, Act No. 338 of the Public Acts of 1974, being sections 125.1601 to 125.1636 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, a downtown development authority created pursuant to Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, being sections 125.1651 to 125.1680 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or other similar economic development entity, upon consent of that entity, as the community board.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the board shall be of a size that the appointing bodies determine to be appropriate, but shall consist of not more than 15 persons. The members of the board shall consist of representatives from key segments of the community, including, but not limited to, political, financial, business, labor, and educational representatives. The board shall elect from its members a chairperson.

(3) An existing board of an economic development entity designated as a community board pursuant to subsection (1) need not meet the number requirements of subsection (2), but must meet the composition requirements of subsection (2).

(4) Board members shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing bodies or until the board's task is completed, whichever occurs first.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (7), the business which the board may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (7), a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the board in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(7) The board shall not disclose, either orally or in writing, matters of a proprietary nature without the consent of the applicant or lessee submitting the information.

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