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A bill to create and provide for the operation of the Michigan next energy authority; to provide for the creation and appointment of a board to govern the authority and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the powers and duties of the authority; to extend protections against certain liabilities to the authority; to authorize the conveyance of state land and to confer authority and jurisdiction over state land to the authority; to provide for the issuance of certain bonds, notes, and other obligations; to facilitate the use and development of authority property; to promote alternative energy technology and economic growth; to authorize the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to provide for the conveyance of land transferred to the authority; to convey state land; and to exempt property, income, and operations of an authority from tax.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 "Michigan next energy authority act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Advanced battery cell" means a rechargeable battery
- 5 cell with a specific energy of not less than 80 watt hours per
- 6 kilogram.
- 7 (b) "Alternative energy marine propulsion system" means an
- 8 onboard propulsion system or detachable outboard propulsion
- 9 system for a watercraft that is powered by a fuel cell energy
- 10 system, photovoltaic energy system, or advanced battery cell
- 11 energy system and that is the singular propulsion system for the
- 12 watercraft. Alternative energy marine propulsion system does not
- 13 include battery powered motors designed to assist in the propul-
- 14 sion of the watercraft during fishing or other recreational use.
- 15 (c) "Alternative energy system" means the small-scale gener-
- 16 ation or release of energy from 1 or any combination of the fol-
- 17 lowing types of energy systems:
- 18 (i) A fuel cell energy system.
- 19 (ii) A photovoltaic energy system.
- 20 (iii) A solar-thermal energy system.
- 21 (iv) A wind energy system.
- (v) A CHP energy system.
- 23 (vi) A microturbine energy system.
- 24 (vii) A miniturbine energy system.

- 1 (viii) A Stirling cycle energy system.
- (ix) A battery cell energy system.
- $\mathbf{3}$ (x) A clean fuel energy system.
- 4 (xi) An electricity storage system.
- 5 (d) "Alternative energy technology" means equipment, compo-
- 6 nent parts, materials, electronic devices, testing equipment, and
- 7 related systems that are solely related to the following:
- 8 (i) The storage or generation of hydrogen for use in an
- 9 alternative energy system.
- 10 (ii) The process of generating and putting into a usable
- 11 form the energy generated by an alternative energy system.
- 12 Alternative energy technology does not include those component
- 13 parts of an alternative energy system that are required regard-
- 14 less of the energy source.
- 15 (iii) A microgrid. As used in this subparagraph,
- 16 "microgrid" means the lines, wires, and controls to connect 2 or
- 17 more alternative energy systems.
- 18 (e) "Alternative energy technology business" means a busi-
- 19 ness engaged solely in the research, development, or manufactur-
- 20 ing of alternative energy technology.
- 21 (f) "Alternative energy technology park" or "park" means the
- 22 property transferred to the authority under section 22.
- 23 (g) "Alternative energy vehicle" means a motor vehicle manu-
- 24 factured by an original equipment manufacturer that fully war-
- 25 rants and certifies that the motor vehicle meets federal motor
- 26 vehicle safety standards for its class of vehicles as defined by
- 27 the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, and

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- 1 certifies that the motor vehicle meets local emissions standards,
- 2 that is propelled by an alternative energy system. Alternative
- 3 energy vehicle includes the following:
- 4 (i) An alternative fueled vehicle. As used in this subpara-
- 5 graph, "alternative fueled vehicle" means a motor vehicle that
- 6 can only be powered by a clean fuel energy system and can only be
- 7 fueled by a clean fuel.
- 8 (ii) A fuel cell vehicle. As used in this subparagraph,
- 9 "fuel cell vehicle" means a motor vehicle powered solely by a
- 10 fuel cell energy system.
- 11 (iii) An electric vehicle. As used in this subparagraph,
- 12 "electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle powered solely by a bat-
- 13 tery cell energy system.
- 14 (iv) A hybrid vehicle. As used in this subparagraph,
- 15 "hybrid vehicle" means a motor vehicle that can only be powered
- 16 by 2 or more alternative energy systems.
- 17 (v) A solar vehicle. As used in this subparagraph, "solar
- 18 vehicle means a motor vehicle powered solely by a photovoltaic
- 19 energy system.
- 20 (vi) A hybrid electric vehicle. As used in this subpara-
- 21 graph, "hybrid electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle powered by
- 22 an integrated propulsion system consisting of an electric motor
- 23 and combustion engine. Hybrid electric vehicle does not include
- 24 a retrofitted conventional diesel or gasoline engine. A hybrid
- 25 electric vehicle obtains the power necessary to propel the motor
- 26 vehicle from a combustion engine and 1 of the following:

- 1 (A) A battery cell energy system.
- 2 (B) A fuel cell energy system.
- 3 (C) A photovoltaic energy system.
- 4 (h) "Alternative energy zone" means a renaissance zone des-
- 5 ignated as an alternative energy zone by the board of the
- 6 Michigan strategic fund under section 8a of the Michigan renais-
- 7 sance zone act, 1996 PA 376, MCL 125.2688a, limited to the land
- 8 transferred to the authority in section 22 of this act.
- 9 (i) "Authority" means the Michigan next energy authority
- 10 created under section 3.
- 11 (j) "Battery cell" means a closed electrochemical system
- 12 that converts chemical energy from oxidation and reduction reac-
- 13 tions directly into electric energy without combustion and with-
- 14 out external fuel and consists of an anode, a cathode, and an
- 15 electrolyte.
- 16 (k) "Battery cell energy system" means 1 or more battery
- 17 cells and an inverter or other power conditioning unit used to
- 18 perform 1 or more of the following functions:
- 19 (i) Propel a motor vehicle or an alternative energy marine
- 20 propulsion system.
- 21 (ii) Provide electricity that is distributed within a dwell-
- 22 ing or other structure.
- 23 (iii) Provide electricity to operate a portable electronic
- 24 device including, but not limited to, a laptop computer, a per-
- 25 sonal digital assistant, or a cell phone. For purposes of this
- 26 subparagraph only, a battery cell energy system shall only use
- 27 advanced battery cells.

- 1 (l) "Board" means the governing body of an authority under
- 2 section 4.
- 3 (m) "CHP energy system" means an integrated unit that gener-
- 4 ates power and either cools, heats, or controls humidity in a
- 5 building or provides heating, drying, or chilling for an indus-
- 6 trial process that includes and is limited to both of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (i) An absorption chiller, a desiccant dehumidifier, or heat
- 9 recovery equipment.
- 10 (ii) One of the following:
- 11 (A) An internal combustion engine, an external combustion
- 12 engine, a microturbine, or a miniturbine, fueled solely by a
- 13 clean fuel.
- 14 (B) A fuel cell energy system.
- (n) "Clean fuel" means 1 or more of the following:
- 16 (i) Methane.
- 17 (ii) Natural gas.
- 18 (iii) Methanol neat or methanol blends containing at least
- **19** 85% methanol.
- 20 (iv) Denatured ethanol neat or ethanol blends containing at
- 21 least 85% ethanol.
- (v) Compressed natural gas.
- (vi) Liquefied natural gas.
- 24 (vii) Liquefied petroleum gas.
- 25 (viii) Hydrogen.
- 26 (o) "Clean fuel energy system" means a device that is
- 27 designed and used solely for the purpose of generating power from

- 1 a clean fuel. Clean fuel energy system does not include a
- 2 conventional gasoline or diesel fuel engine or a retrofitted con-
- 3 ventional diesel or gasoline engine.
- 4 (p) "Department" means the department of management and
- 5 budget.
- 6 (q) "Electricity storage device" means a device, including a
- 7 capacitor, that directly stores electrical energy without conver-
- 8 sion to an intermediary medium.
- 9 (r) "Electricity storage system" means 1 or more electricity
- 10 storage devices and inverters or other power conditioning
- 11 equipment.
- 12 (s) "Fiscal year" means that annual period that is the
- 13 fiscal year of the state government.
- 14 (t) "Fuel cell energy system" means 1 or more fuel cells or
- 15 fuel cell stacks and an inverter or other power conditioning
- 16 unit. A fuel cell energy system may also include a fuel
- 17 processor. As used in this subdivision:
- 18 (i) "Fuel cell" means an electrochemical device that uses an
- 19 external fuel and continuously converts the energy released from
- 20 the oxidation of fuel by oxygen directly into electricity without
- 21 combustion and consists of an anode, a cathode, and an
- 22 electrolyte.
- 23 (ii) "Fuel cell stack" means an assembly of fuel cells.
- 24 (iii) "Fuel processor" means a device that converts a fuel,
- 25 including, but not limited to, methanol, natural gas, or gaso-
- 26 line, into a hydrogen rich gas, without combustion for use in a
- 27 fuel cell.

- 1 (u) "Fund" means the alternative energy technology fund
- 2 created in section 20.
- 3 (v) "Governmental agency" means a department, agency, or
- 4 commission of this state or of a county, city, village, or town-
- 5 ship of this state.
- 6 (w) "Infrastructure" means a public facility as that term is
- 7 defined in section 2 of the local development financing act, 1986
- 8 PA 281, MCL 125.2152. Infrastructure also includes a facility or
- 9 facilities that support an alternative energy technology project
- 10 and that are located within an alternative energy technology
- 11 park.
- 12 (x) "Local unit of government" means a city, county, town-
- 13 ship, or village.
- 14 (y) "Microturbine energy system" means a system that gener-
- 15 ates electricity, composed of a compressor, combustor, turbine,
- 16 and generator, fueled solely by a clean fuel with a capacity of
- 17 not more than 250 kilowatts. A microturbine energy system may
- 18 include an alternator and shall include a recuperator if the use
- 19 of the recuperator increases the efficiency of the energy
- 20 system.
- 21 (z) "Miniturbine energy system" means a system that gener-
- 22 ates electricity, composed of a compressor, combustor, turbine,
- 23 and generator, fueled solely by a clean fuel with a capacity of
- 24 not more than 2 megawatts. A miniturbine energy system may also
- 25 include an alternator and a recuperator.

- 1 (aa) "Nonprofit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation
- 2 created under the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162,
- **3** MCL 450.2101 to 450.3192.
- 4 (bb) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
- 5 limited liability company, association, governmental entity, or
- 6 other legal entity.
- 7 (cc) "Personal property" means, except as used in section
- 8 7(3), personal property located or intended to be used in the
- 9 alternative energy technology park.
- 10 (dd) "Photovoltaic energy system" means a solar energy
- 11 device composed of 1 or more photovoltaic cells or photovoltaic
- 12 modules and an inverter or other power conditioning unit. A pho-
- 13 tovoltaic system may also include batteries for power storage or
- 14 an electricity storage device. As used in this subdivision:
- 15 (i) "Photovoltaic cell" means an integrated device consist-
- 16 ing of layers of semiconductor materials and electrical contacts
- 17 capable of converting incident light directly into electricity.
- 18 (ii) "Photovoltaic module" means an assembly of photovoltaic
- 19 cells.
- 20 (ee) "Project" means an alternative energy technology
- 21 project and, in addition, means the acquisition, construction,
- 22 conversion, conveyance, or leasing of land or facilities inside
- 23 the alternative energy technology park to carry out the purposes
- 24 of this act and of the authority, including, but not limited to,
- 25 acquisition of land or interest in land, buildings, structures,
- 26 or other planned or existing improvements to land inside the
- 27 alternative energy technology park, including leasehold

- 1 improvements, machinery, equipment, or furnishings, which
- 2 include, but are not limited to, the following facilities for
- 3 alternative energy technology: office facilities; engineering
- 4 facilities; research and development laboratories; manufacturing
- 5 facilities; warehousing facilities; parts distribution facili-
- 6 ties; storage facilities; testing facilities; facilities that
- 7 support alternative energy technology projects; and equipment or
- 8 facilities designed to produce energy from renewable resources.
- 9 (ff) "Property" means real or personal property.
- 10 (gg) "Real property" means, except as used in section 7(3),
- 11 real property located in the alternative energy technology park.
- 12 (hh) "Small-scale" means a single energy system with a gen-
- 13 erating capacity of not more than 2 megawatts or an integrated
- 14 energy system with a generating capacity of not more than
- 15 10 megawatts.
- 16 (ii) "Solar thermal energy system" means an integrated unit
- 17 consisting of a sunlight collection device, a system containing a
- 18 heat transfer fluid to receive the collected sunlight, and heat
- 19 exchangers to transfer the solar energy to a thermal storage tank
- 20 to heat or cool spaces or water or to generate electricity.
- 21 (jj) "Stirling cycle energy system" means a closed-cycle,
- 22 regenerative heat engine that is fueled solely by a clean fuel
- 23 and uses an external combustion process, heat exchangers, pis-
- 24 tons, a regenerator, and a confined working gas, such as hydrogen
- 25 or helium, to convert heat into mechanical energy. A Stirling
- 26 cycle energy system may also include a generator to generate
- 27 electricity.

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- 1 (kk) "Wind energy system" means an integrated unit
- 2 consisting of a wind turbine composed of a rotor, an electrical

- 3 generator, a control system, an inverter or other power condi-
- 4 tioning unit, and a tower, which uses moving air to produce
- 5 power.
- 6 Sec. 3. (1) There is created by this act a public body cor-
- 7 porate and politic known as the Michigan next energy authority.
- 8 The authority shall be located within the department.
- **9** (2) The authority shall exercise its prescribed statutory
- 10 powers, duties, and functions independently of the director of
- 11 the department. The budgeting, procurement, and related adminis-
- 12 trative functions of the authority shall be performed under the
- 13 direction and supervision of the director of the department.
- 14 (3) The authority may contract with the department for the
- 15 purpose of maintaining the rights and interests of the
- **16** authority.
- 17 (4) The accounts of the authority may be subject to annual
- 18 financial audits by the state auditor general. Records of the
- 19 authority shall be maintained according to generally accepted
- 20 accounting principles.
- 21 Sec. 4. (1) An authority created under this act is governed
- 22 by a board consisting of 7 board members who are residents of
- 23 this state.
- 24 (2) The members of a board shall be appointed by the gover-
- 25 nor for the following initial terms:
- 26 (a) One board member representing the government of a county
- 27 in which land transferred to the authority under section 22 is

- 1 located, for a term of 3 years from a list of not less than 3
- 2 names provided by the county board of commissioners. A member
- 3 appointed under this subdivision may be a member of a county
- 4 board of commissioners.
- 5 (b) One board member representing the government of a city
- 6 or township in which land transferred to the authority under sec-
- 7 tion 22 is located, for a term of 4 years from a list of not less
- 8 than 3 names provided by that city's legislative body or that
- 9 township's board of trustees. A member appointed under this sub-
- 10 division may be a member of a city council or township board.
- 11 (c) Five board members, 1 for a term of 2 years, 2 for a
- 12 term of 3 years, and 2 for a term of 4 years.
- 13 (3) One of the board members described in subsection (2)(c)
- 14 shall have not less than 10 years' experience in planning or real
- 15 estate development.
- 16 (4) Upon appointment to the board under subsection (2) and
- 17 upon the taking and filing of the constitutional oath of office
- 18 prescribed in section 1 of article XI of the state constitution
- 19 of 1963, a member of the board shall enter the office and exer-
- 20 cise the duties of the office.
- 21 (5) After the first appointment, each member shall serve a
- 22 term of 4 years, except that a person appointed to fill a vacancy
- 23 shall be appointed for the balance of the unexpired term. The
- 24 governor shall fill a vacancy in the office by appointment in the
- 25 same manner as an appointment under subsection (2). A member of
- 26 the board shall hold office until a successor has been appointed

- 1 and qualified. A member of the board is eligible for
- 2 reappointment.
- 3 (6) A member of the board or an officer, appointee, or
- 4 employee of the authority is not subject to personal liability
- 5 when acting in good faith within the scope of his or her author-
- 6 ity or on account of liability of the authority. The board may
- 7 indemnify a member of the board or an officer, appointee, or
- 8 employee of the authority against liability arising out of the
- 9 discharge of his or her official duties. The authority may
- 10 indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying members of the board
- 11 and other officers and employees of the authority from personal
- 12 loss or accountability for liability asserted by a person with
- 13 regard to bonds or other obligations of the authority or from any
- 14 personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance of
- 15 the bonds or other obligations or by reason of any other action
- 16 taken or the failure to act by the authority. The authority may
- 17 also purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person
- 18 against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by
- 19 the person in any capacity or arising out of the status of the
- 20 person as a member of the board or an officer or employee of the
- 21 authority, whether or not the authority would have the power to
- 22 indemnify the person against any liability under this section.
- 23 The authority, pursuant to bylaw, contract, agreement, or resolu-
- 24 tion of its board, may obligate itself in advance to indemnify
- 25 persons.
- 26 (7) Members of the board and officers and employees of the
- 27 authority are considered public servants subject to 1968 PA 317,

- 1 MCL 15.321 to 15.330, and 1968 PA 318, MCL 15.301 to 15.310. A
- 2 member of the board or an officer, employee, or agent of the
- 3 authority shall discharge the duties of the position in a nonpar-
- 4 tisan manner, in good faith, in the best interests of the author-
- 5 ity, and with the degree of diligence, care, and skill that an
- 6 ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circum-
- 7 stances in a like position. In discharging duties of the office,
- 8 a member of the board or an officer, employee, or agent of the
- 9 authority, when acting in good faith, may rely upon a majority
- 10 vote of a quorum of the board, upon the opinion of counsel for
- 11 the authority, upon the report of an independent appraiser
- 12 selected with reasonable care by the board, or upon financial
- 13 statements of the authority represented to the member of the
- 14 board, officer, employee, or agent to be correct by the officer
- 15 of the authority having charge of its books or accounts or stated
- 16 in a written report by the auditor general or a certified public
- 17 accountant or a firm of accountants to fairly reflect the finan-
- 18 cial condition of the authority.
- 19 (8) The board shall establish policies and procedures
- 20 requiring periodic disclosure of relationships that may give rise
- 21 to conflicts of interest. The board shall require that a member
- 22 of the board who has a direct or indirect interest in any matter
- 23 before the authority disclose the member's interest and any rea-
- 24 sons reasonably known to the member of the board why the transac-
- 25 tion may not be in the best interest of the public before the
- 26 board takes any action with respect to the matter. The
- 27 disclosure shall become part of the record of an authority's

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- 1 proceedings. A member of the board who has an interest in a
- 2 contract before the authority, as set forth in section 2(2) of
- 3 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.322, shall not take part in the negotiation
- 4 or approval of the contract.
- 5 (9) The governor shall designate 1 member of the board to
- 6 serve as its chairperson. The board shall elect a
- 7 vice-chairperson, secretary, and any additional officers of the
- 8 board considered necessary by the board from among its members.
- 9 With the exception of the chairperson, who shall serve a 4-year
- 10 term, all officers of the board shall be elected annually by the
- 11 board. Members of the board shall serve without compensation,
- 12 but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.
- Sec. 5. (1) Upon the appointment of at least 4 members of
- 14 the board under section 4, the board may hold its first meeting.
- 15 The first meeting of the board shall be held not more than 60
- 16 days after the creation date of the authority.
- 17 (2) Except for those powers reserved or delegated to a chief
- 18 executive officer of the authority by this act or by the board,
- 19 the board shall not delegate any power of the board to any other
- 20 officer or committee of the authority. The board may withdraw
- 21 from the chief executive officer any power that the board dele-
- 22 gates to the chief executive officer.
- 23 (3) The board shall organize and adopt its own policies,
- 24 procedures, schedule of regular meetings, and a regular meeting
- 25 date, place, and time. The board shall conduct all business at
- 26 public meetings held in compliance with the open meetings act,
- 27 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. Public notice of the time,

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1 date, and place of each meeting shall be giving in the manner

- 2 required by the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to
- **3** 15.275.
- 4 (4) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
- 5 or retained by the board in the performance of an official func-
- 6 tion shall be made available to the public in compliance with the
- 7 freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.
- 8 (5) A board may act only by resolution. A majority of the
- 9 members of the board then in office, or of any committee of the
- 10 board, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
- 11 business. A vote of a majority of the members of the board serv-
- 12 ing at the time of the vote is necessary to approve the issuance
- 13 by the authority of bonds, to approve or amend the annual budget
- 14 of the authority, or to hire, remove, discharge, or set the
- 15 salary of the chief executive officer. Except as otherwise pro-
- 16 vided in this act, a vote of the majority of the board members
- 17 present at a meeting at which a quorum is present constitutes the
- 18 action of the board or of the committee.
- 19 (6) Before the beginning of each fiscal year, the board
- 20 shall prepare a budget containing an itemized statement of the
- 21 estimated current operational expenses and the expenses for the
- 22 operation and development of the land under the jurisdiction of
- 23 the board, the amount necessary to pay the principal and interest
- 24 of any outstanding bonds or other obligations of the authority
- 25 maturing during the ensuing fiscal year or that have previously
- 26 matured and are unpaid, an estimate of the revenue of the
- 27 authority from all sources for the ensuing fiscal year, and other

- 1 amounts necessary to further the purposes of this act. The board
- 2 shall adopt that budget in accordance with the uniform budgeting
- 3 and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a, and shall
- 4 submit it to the department for its approval. The authority's
- 5 budget shall be funded by proceeds derived from the conveyance of
- 6 land held by the authority and any gifts, grants, loans, and
- 7 other aids from any person or the federal, the state, or a local
- 8 government or any agency of the federal, the state, or a local
- 9 government.
- 10 Sec. 6. (1) The board may appoint a person, other than a
- 11 member of the board, to serve as the chief executive of the
- 12 authority, to whom the authority may delegate any of its adminis-
- 13 trative powers and authorization. The chief executive shall be
- 14 an ex officio member, without vote, of the board and shall not be
- 15 considered in determining the presence of a quorum, and shall
- 16 have professional qualifications commensurate with the responsi-
- 17 bility of the position. During employment, the chief executive
- 18 shall not have a financial interest in facilities or projects
- 19 over which the authority has jurisdiction or power to act.
- 20 Before entering upon the duties of his or her office, the chief
- 21 executive shall take and file the constitutional oath of office
- 22 provided in section 1 of article XI of the state constitution of
- **23** 1963.
- 24 (2) Subject to the approval of the board, the chief execu-
- 25 tive shall supervise, and be responsible for, all of the
- 26 following:

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1 (a) The performance of the functions of the authority under

- 2 this act.
- 3 (b) A regular report describing the activities and financial
- 4 condition of the authority.
- 5 (c) The issuance of bonds and notes approved by the board.
- 6 (d) The negotiation and establishment of compensation and
- 7 other terms and conditions of employment for employees of the
- 8 authority.
- 9 (e) The negotiation, supervision, and enforcement of con-
- 10 tracts entered into by the authority and the supervision of con-
- 11 tractors and subcontractors of the authority in the performance
- 12 of their duties.
- 13 (f) All other activities or functions that the board consid-
- 14 ers necessary.
- 15 (3) If considered necessary by the board, the chief execu-
- 16 tive may appoint a chief financial officer who shall be the trea-
- 17 surer of the authority, who shall have professional qualifica-
- 18 tions commensurate with the responsibility of the position.
- 19 Notwithstanding any law or charter provision to the contrary, the
- 20 chief financial officer of the authority shall receive all money
- 21 belonging to the authority or arising or received in connection
- 22 with the land over which jurisdiction has been transferred to the
- 23 authority, from whatever source derived. Money of the authority
- 24 shall be deposited, invested, and paid by the chief financial
- 25 officer only in accordance with this act or with policies, proce-
- 26 dures, ordinances, or resolutions adopted by the board. The
- 27 chief financial officer shall provide the board with copies of

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- 1 all reports made by the chief financial officer to the chief
- 2 executive officer.
- 3 (4) The board may employ legal and technical experts, pri-

- 4 vate consultants and engineers, accountants, and other agents or
- 5 employees for rendering professional and technical assistance and
- 6 advice as may be necessary. The authority shall determine the
- 7 qualifications, duties, and compensation of those it employs.
- 8 (5) The chief executive officer and the chief financial
- 9 officer shall be a resident of this state.
- 10 Sec. 7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the
- 11 authority may do all things necessary to implement the purposes
- 12 of this act, including, but not limited to, all of the
- 13 following:
- 14 (a) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the regulation of
- 15 its affairs and the conduct of its business.
- 16 (b) Adopt an official seal and alter the seal at the plea-
- 17 sure of the board.
- 18 (c) Sue and be sued in its own name and plead and be
- 19 impleaded.
- 20 (d) Solicit and accept gifts, grants, loans, and other
- 21 assistance from any person or the federal, the state, or a local
- 22 government or any agency of the federal, the state, or a local
- 23 government or participate in any other way in any federal, state,
- 24 or local government program.
- (e) Research and publish studies, investigations, surveys,
- 26 and findings on the development and use of alternative energy
- 27 technology.

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1 (f) Manage and oversee an alternative energy technology park

- 2 and an alternative energy zone on land owned by the authority and
- 3 receive designation of renaissance zone status for the alterna-
- 4 tive energy zone.
- 5 (g) Finance, direct, or otherwise aid in the planning, con-
- 6 struction, and design of alternative energy technology businesses
- 7 and infrastructure located within an alternative energy zone and
- 8 an alternative energy technology park.
- 9 (h) Lay out, design, construct, acquire, operate, lease,
- 10 sell, and convey planned sites within an alternative energy zone
- 11 and an alternative energy technology park, subject to the
- 12 restrictions contained in this act.
- 13 (i) Make grants, loans, and investments; guarantee and
- 14 insure loans, leases, bonds, notes, or other indebtedness,
- 15 whether public or private; and issue letters of credit.
- 16 (j) Construct; acquire by gift, purchase, installment pur-
- 17 chase, or lease; and reconstruct, improve, repair, or equip a
- 18 project or any part of a project, including related
- 19 infrastructure.
- 20 (k) Borrow money and issue bonds and notes to finance part
- 21 or all of the project costs of a project and secure those bonds
- 22 and notes by mortgage, assignment, or pledge of any of its money,
- 23 revenues, income, and properties. The authority provided by this
- 24 subdivision includes, but is not limited to, issuing bonds and
- 25 notes to acquire and install machinery, equipment, furnishings,
- 26 and other personal property inside the alternative energy
- 27 technology park, notwithstanding that the authority does not own

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1 or propose to own or finance the building or land in or near to

- 2 which the machinery, equipment, furnishings, and other personal
- 3 property are or will be located inside the alternative energy
- 4 technology park.
- 5 (1) Acquire or contract to acquire from a person, a munici-
- 6 pality, the federal or state government, or an agency of the fed-
- 7 eral or state government, leaseholds, real or personal property,
- 8 or any interest in real or personal property and own, hold,
- 9 clear, improve, and rehabilitate and sell, assign, exchange,
- 10 transfer, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or
- 11 encumber leaseholds, real or personal property, or any interest
- 12 in real or personal property, as is convenient for the accom-
- 13 plishment of the purposes of this act and of the authority.
- 14 (m) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with
- 15 the authority's property, assets, or activities.
- (n) Invest any money of the authority, at the board's dis-
- 17 cretion, in any bond, note, or other obligation determined proper
- 18 by the board, and name and use depositories for its money.
- 19 (o) Contract for goods and services and engage personnel as
- 20 necessary and engage the services of private consultants, manag-
- 21 ers, legal counsel, engineers, accountants, and auditors for
- 22 rendering professional financial assistance and advice payable
- 23 out of any money of the authority.
- 24 (p) Charge, impose, and collect fees and charges in connec-
- 25 tion with any transaction and provide for reasonable penalties
- 26 for delinquent payment of fees or charges.

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1 (q) Indemnify and procure insurance indemnifying any members

- 2 of the board from personal loss or accountability from liability
- 3 asserted by a person on the bonds or notes of the authority or
- 4 from any personal liability or accountability by reason of the
- 5 issuance of the bonds, notes, insurance, or guarantees; by reason
- 6 of acquisition, construction, ownership, or operation of a
- 7 project; or by reason of any other action taken or the failure to
- 8 act by the authority.
- 9 (r) Enter into a lease for the use or sale of a project.
- 10 The lease may provide for options to purchase or renew.
- 11 (s) Mortgage or create security interests in a project or
- 12 any part of a project, or in a lease or loan, or in the rents,
- 13 revenues, or sums to be paid under a lease or loan, in favor of
- 14 the holders of the bonds or notes issued by the authority.
- 15 (t) Convey or release a project or any part of a project to
- 16 a lessee, purchaser, or borrower under any agreement after provi-
- 17 sion has been made for the retirement in full of the bonds or
- 18 notes issued for that project under terms and conditions provided
- 19 in the agreement or as may be agreed with the holders of the
- 20 bonds or notes, at any time where the obligation of the lessee,
- 21 purchaser, or borrower to make the payments prescribed shall
- 22 remain fixed as provided in the agreement notwithstanding the
- 23 conveyance or release, or as may otherwise be agreed with the
- 24 holders of the bonds or notes.
- 25 (u) Promote the research, development, and manufacturing of
- 26 alternative energy technology through the conveyance or lease of
- 27 real property.

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- 1 (v) Develop property to advance the purposes of the
- 2 authority.
- 3 (w) Make and enter into contracts or agreements with a state
- 4 university described in section 4 of article VIII of the state
- 5 constitution of 1963, a community college, governmental agencies,
- 6 local units of government, and nonprofit corporations necessary
- 7 or incidental to accomplish the powers and duties of the author-
- 8 ity under this act or other laws that relate to the purposes and
- 9 responsibilities of the authority.
- 10 (x) Do all other things necessary to promote and increase
- 11 the research, development, and manufacturing of alternative
- 12 energy technology and to otherwise achieve the objectives and
- 13 purposes of the authority.
- 14 (2) The enumeration of a power in this act shall not be con-
- 15 strued as a limitation upon the general powers of the authority.
- 16 (3) The authority shall certify and provide proof of certi-
- 17 fication of all of the following:
- 18 (a) An alternative energy marine propulsion system, an
- 19 alternative energy system, and an alternative energy vehicle as
- 20 eligible for the exemption provided under section 4aa of the gen-
- 21 eral sales tax act, 1933 PA 167, MCL 205.54aa.
- 22 (b) An alternative energy marine propulsion system, an
- 23 alternative energy system, and an alternative energy vehicle as
- 24 eligible for the exemption provided under section 4w of the use
- 25 tax act, 1937 PA 94, MCL 205.94w.
- 26 (c) An alternative energy marine propulsion system, an
- 27 alternative energy system, an alternative energy vehicle,

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- 1 personal property of an alternative energy technology business,
- 2 and personal property of a business that is not an alternative
- 3 energy technology business that is used solely for the purpose of
- 4 researching, developing, or manufacturing an alternative energy
- 5 technology as eligible for the exemption provided under
- 6 section 9i of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
- 7 MCL 211.9i.
- **8** (4) The authority shall certify and provide proof of certi-
- 9 fication of the following business entities:
- 10 (a) An alternative energy technology business. The author-
- 11 ity shall provide proof of certification to the assessor of the
- 12 local tax collecting unit in which the alternative energy tech-
- 13 nology business is located.
- 14 (b) A taxpayer as an eligible taxpayer for the purposes of
- 15 claiming the credit under section 39e(2) of the single business
- 16 tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.39e.
- 17 (5) The authority shall certify and provide proof of certi-
- 18 fication of the qualified business activity of a taxpayer eligi-
- 19 ble under subsection (4)(b). As used in this subsection,
- 20 "qualified business activity" means that term as defined in
- 21 section 39e of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228,
- **22** MCL 208.39e.
- 23 (6) The authority is encouraged not to purchase foreign
- 24 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and com-
- 25 parable quality American goods or services, or both, are
- 26 available. The authority shall encourage all business entities
- 27 that locate or operate in the park to purchase American goods or

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- 1 services, or both. The authority shall encourage and support the
- 2 creation and retention of jobs in this state, and the manufac-
- 3 ture, assembly, and construction of alternative energy marine
- 4 propulsion systems, alternative energy systems, and alternative
- 5 energy vehicles, in this state.
- **6** (7) The authority shall not operate an alternative energy
- 7 technology business or otherwise engage in the manufacturing of
- 8 any commercial products.
- 9 Sec. 8. (1) The authority may acquire real or personal
- 10 property or rights or interests in real or personal property by
- 11 gift, devise, transfer, exchange, foreclosure, purchase, or oth-
- 12 erwise on terms and conditions and in a manner the authority con-
- 13 siders proper. The authority may own, lease as lessor, convey,
- 14 demolish, relocate, or rehabilitate real or personal property or
- 15 rights or interests in real or personal property, consistent with
- 16 the purposes of this act.
- 17 (2) Real property acquired by the authority by purchase may
- 18 be obtained by any method deemed desirable by the authority. The
- 19 authority may purchase real property or rights or interests in
- 20 real property for any purpose the authority considers necessary
- 21 to carry out the purposes of this act, including, but not limited
- 22 to, 1 or more of the following purposes:
- 23 (a) The use or development of property the authority has
- 24 otherwise acquired for alternative energy technology or related
- 25 infrastructure.

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1 (b) To facilitate the assembly of property for sale or lease

- 2 to any other public or private person, for use consistent with
- 3 the purposes of this act.
- 4 (3) The authority shall not acquire, own, purchase, lease,
- 5 develop, or otherwise possess an interest in real property
- 6 located outside of the alternative energy technology park or per-
- 7 sonal property not intended to be used in the alternative energy
- 8 technology park.
- 9 Sec. 9. (1) The authority may control, hold, manage, main-
- 10 tain, operate, repair, lease as lessor, secure, prevent the waste
- 11 or deterioration of, demolish, and take all other actions neces-
- 12 sary to preserve the value of property held by the authority
- 13 inside the alternative energy technology park. The authority has
- 14 exclusive jurisdiction over all property held by the authority.
- 15 The authority may take or perform the following with respect to
- 16 property held or owned by the authority:
- 17 (a) Grant or acquire a license, easement, or option with
- 18 respect to property as the authority determines is reasonably
- 19 necessary to achieve the purposes of this act.
- 20 (b) Fix, charge, and collect rents, fees, and charges for
- 21 use of property under the control of the authority.
- 22 (c) Pay any tax or special assessment due on property
- 23 acquired or owned by the authority.
- 24 (d) Take any action, provide any notice, or institute any
- 25 proceeding required to clear or quiet title to property held by
- 26 the authority in order to establish ownership by and vest title
- 27 to property in the authority.

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- 1 (e) Develop a land use master plan consistent with the
- 2 purposes of this act that is in reasonable accord with the master

- 3 zoning plan of the local unit of government in which the property
- 4 is located.
- 5 (2) The authority shall defend any actions concerning title
- 6 claims against property held or owned by the authority and shall
- 7 have exclusive jurisdiction over all property held or owned by
- 8 the authority.
- 9 (3) All powers and duties granted by this act to the gover-
- 10 nor, the authority, or the board, including the authority to
- 11 convey, transfer, or dispose of property, may be exercised not-
- 12 withstanding any charter provision or ordinance to the contrary.
- 13 (4) In the exercise of its powers and duties under this act
- 14 and its powers relating to property held or owned by the authori-
- 15 ty, the authority shall have complete control as fully and com-
- 16 pletely as if it represented a private property owner and shall
- 17 not be subject to restrictions imposed by any charter, ordinance,
- 18 or resolution of a local unit of government.
- 19 (5) Subsection (4) shall not be construed to prohibit a
- 20 local unit of government from enforcing its local police and fire
- 21 protection ordinances.
- Sec. 10. (1) The authority may authorize and issue its
- 23 bonds or notes payable solely from revenues or funds available to
- 24 the authority. Bonds and notes of the authority are not a debt
- 25 or liability of this state and do not create or constitute any
- 26 indebtedness, liability, or obligations of this state or
- 27 constitute a pledge of the faith or credit of this state. All

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 - 1 authority bonds and notes shall be payable solely from revenues
 - 2 or funds pledged or available for their payment as authorized in
 - 3 this act. Each bond and note shall contain on its face a state-
 - 4 ment to the effect that the authority is obligated to pay the
 - 5 principal of and the interest on the bond or note only from reve-
 - 6 nue or funds of the authority pledged for the payment of princi-
 - 7 pal and interest and that this state is not obligated to pay that
 - 8 principal and interest and that neither the faith and credit nor
 - 9 the taxing power of this state is pledged to the payment of the
- 10 principal of or the interest on the bond or note.
- 11 (2) All expenses incurred in carrying out this section shall
- 12 be payable solely from revenues or funds provided or to be pro-
- 13 vided under this act. This act does not authorize the authority
- 14 to incur any indebtedness or liability on behalf of or payable by
- 15 this state.
- 16 (3) Bonds and notes issued under this act are not subject to
- 17 the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to
- **18** 141.2821.
- 19 (4) The issuance of bonds and notes under this section is
- 20 subject to the agency financing reporting act [, 2002 PA 470, MCL 129.171 to 129.177].
- 21 Sec. 11. (1) The authority may issue from time to time
- 22 bonds or notes in principal amounts the authority considers nec-
- 23 essary to provide funds for any purpose, including, but not
- 24 limited to, all of the following:
- 25 (a) The payment, funding, or refunding of the principal of,
- 26 interest on, or redemption premiums on bonds or notes issued by

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- 1 the authority whether the bonds or notes or interest to be funded
- 2 or refunded has or has not become due.
- 3 (b) The establishment or increase of reserves to secure or
- 4 to pay authority bonds or notes or interest on those bonds or
- 5 notes.
- 6 (c) The payment of interest on the bonds or notes for a
- 7 period as the authority determines.
- 8 (d) The payment of all other costs or expenses of the
- 9 authority incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out
- 10 its corporate purposes and powers.
- 11 (2) The bonds or notes of the authority shall not be a gen-
- 12 eral obligation of the authority but shall be payable solely from
- 13 the revenues or funds, or both, pledged to the payment of the
- 14 principal of and interest on the bonds or notes as provided in
- 15 the resolution authorizing the bonds or notes.
- 16 (3) The bonds or notes of the authority:
- 17 (a) Shall be authorized by resolution of the authority.
- 18 (b) Shall bear the date or dates of issuance.
- 19 (c) May be issued as either tax-exempt bonds or notes or
- 20 taxable bonds or notes for federal income tax purposes.
- 21 (d) Shall be serial bonds, term bonds, or term and serial
- 22 bonds.
- 23 (e) Shall mature at a time or times not exceeding 30 years
- 24 from the date of issuance.
- 25 (f) May provide for sinking fund payments.
- 26 (g) May provide for redemption at the option of the
- 27 authority at any time for any reason or reasons.

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- 1 (h) May provide for redemption at the option of the
- 2 bondholder at any time for any reason.
- 3 (i) Shall bear interest at a fixed or variable rate or rates

- 4 of interest per year or at no interest.
- 5 (j) Shall be registered bonds, coupon bonds, or both.
- 6 (k) May contain a conversion feature.
- (l) May be transferable.
- 8 (m) Shall be in the form, denomination or denominations, and
- 9 with such other provisions and terms as are determined necessary
- 10 or beneficial by the authority.
- 11 Sec. 12. (1) The authority may authorize and approve an
- 12 insurance contract, an agreement for a line of credit, a letter
- 13 of credit, a commitment to purchase notes or bonds, an agreement
- 14 to remarket bonds or notes, or any other transaction to provide
- 15 security to assure timely payment of a bond or note.
- 16 (2) The authority may authorize payment from the proceeds of
- 17 the notes or bonds, or other funds available, of the costs of
- 18 issuance, including, but not limited to, fees for placement,
- 19 charges for insurance, letters of credit, lines of credit, remar-
- 20 keting agreements, reimbursement agreements, or purchase or sales
- 21 agreements or commitments, or agreements to provide security to
- 22 assure timely payment of notes or bonds.
- 23 Sec. 13. Within limitations that shall be contained in the
- 24 issuance or authorization resolution of the authority, the
- 25 authority may authorize a member of the board, the chief execu-
- 26 tive, or other officer of the authority to do 1 or more of the
- 27 following:

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- 1 (a) Sell and deliver and receive payment for notes or
- 2 bonds.
- 3 (b) Refund notes or bonds by the delivery of new notes or

- 4 bonds whether or not the notes or bonds to be refunded have
- 5 matured or are subject to redemption.
- **6** (c) Deliver notes or bonds, partly to refund notes or bonds
- 7 and partly for any other authorized purpose.
- 8 (d) Buy notes or bonds that are issued and resell those
- 9 notes or bonds.
- 10 (e) Approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest
- 11 rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denomi-
- 12 nations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption
- 13 rights, at the option of the authority or the holder, the place
- 14 of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures neces-
- 15 sary to complete the transactions authorized.
- 16 (f) Direct the investment of any and all funds of the
- **17** authority.
- 18 (g) Approve the terms of a contract and execute and deliver
- 19 the contract subject to the restrictions of this part.
- 20 (h) Approve the terms of any insurance contract, agreement
- 21 for a line of credit, a letter of credit, a commitment to pur-
- 22 chase notes or bonds, an agreement to remarket bonds or notes, an
- 23 agreement to manage payment, revenue, or interest rate exposure,
- 24 or any other transaction to provide security to assure timely
- 25 payment of a bond or note.
- 26 (i) Perform any power, duty, function, or responsibility of
- 27 the authority.

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- 1 Sec. 14. A resolution authorizing bonds or notes may
- 2 provide for all of the following that shall be part of the con-

- 3 tract with the holders of the bonds or notes:
- 4 (a) A pledge to any payment or purpose all or any part of
- 5 authority revenues or assets to which its right then exists or
- 6 may later come to exist, of money derived from the revenues or
- 7 assets, and of the proceeds of bonds or notes or of an issue of
- 8 bonds or notes, subject to any existing agreements with bondhold-
- 9 ers or noteholders.
- 10 (b) A pledge of a loan, grant, or contribution from the fed-
- 11 eral, state, or local government.
- 12 (c) The establishment and setting aside of reserves or sink-
- 13 ing funds and the regulation and disposition of reserves or sink-
- 14 ing funds subject to this act.
- 15 (d) Authorization for and limitations on the issuance of
- 16 additional bonds or notes for the purposes provided for in the
- 17 resolution and the terms upon which additional notes or bonds may
- 18 be issued and secured.
- (e) The procedure, if any, by which the terms of a contract
- 20 with noteholders or bondholders may be amended or abrogated, the
- 21 number of noteholders or bondholders who are required to consent
- 22 to the amendment or abrogation, and the manner in which consent
- 23 may be given.
- 24 (f) A contract with the bondholders as to the custody, col-
- 25 lection, securing, investment, and payment of any money of the
- 26 authority. Money of the authority and deposits of money may be

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1 secured in the manner determined by the authority. Banks and

- 2 trust companies may give security for the deposits.
- 3 (g) Vest in a trustee, or a secured party, the property,
- 4 income, revenue, receipts, rights, remedies, powers, and duties
- 5 in trust or otherwise as the authority determines necessary or
- 6 appropriate to adequately secure and protect noteholders and
- 7 bondholders or to limit or abrogate the right of the holders of
- 8 bonds or notes of the authority to appoint a trustee under this
- 9 act or to limit the rights, powers, and duties of the trustee.
- 10 (h) Provide the trustee, the noteholders, or the bondholders
- 11 remedies that may be exercised if the authority fails or refuses
- 12 to comply with this act or defaults in an agreement made with the
- 13 holders of an issue of bonds or notes, which may include, but are
- 14 not limited to, the following:
- 15 (i) By mandamus or other suit, action, or proceeding at law
- 16 or in equity, to enforce the rights of the bondholders or note-
- 17 holders and require the authority to carry out any other agree-
- 18 ment with the holders of those notes or bonds and to perform the
- 19 duties of the authority under this act.
- 20 (ii) Bring suit upon the notes or bonds.
- 21 (iii) By action or suit, require the authority to account as
- 22 if it were the trustee of an express trust for the holders of the
- 23 notes or bonds.
- 24 (iv) By action or suit in equity, enjoin any acts or things
- 25 that may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the holders
- 26 of the notes or bonds.

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1 (v) Declare the notes or bonds due and payable and, if all

- 2 defaults shall be made good, then, as permitted by the
- 3 resolution, annul that declaration and its consequences.
- 4 (i) Any other matters of like or different character that in
- 5 any way affect the security or protection of the bonds or notes.
- 6 Sec. 15. A pledge made by the authority shall be valid and
- 7 binding from the time the pledge is made. The money or property
- 8 pledged and then received by the authority immediately is subject
- 9 to the lien of the pledge without physical delivery or further
- 10 act. The lien of a pledge is valid and binding as against par-
- 11 ties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise
- 12 against the authority and is valid and binding as against the
- 13 transfers of money or property pledged, irrespective of whether
- 14 parties have notice. The resolution, the trust agreement, or any
- 15 other instrument by which a pledge is created is not required to
- 16 be recorded in order to establish and perfect a lien or security
- 17 interest in the property pledged.
- 18 Sec. 16. The members of the board and any person executing
- 19 bonds or notes issued as provided in this act and any person exe-
- 20 cuting any agreement on behalf of the authority is not personally
- 21 liable on the bonds or notes by reason of their issuance.
- 22 Sec. 17. The authority may hold, cancel, or resell author-
- 23 ity bonds or notes subject to or in accordance with an agreement
- 24 with holders of authority bonds or notes.
- Sec. 18. This state pledges to and agrees with the holders
- 26 of bonds or notes issued in accordance with this act that this
- 27 state shall not limit or restrict the rights vested in the

- 1 authority by this act to fulfill the terms of an agreement made
- 2 with the holders of authority bonds or notes or in any way impair
- 3 the rights or remedies of the holders of the bonds or notes of
- 4 the authority until the bonds and notes, together with interest
- 5 on the bonds or notes and interest on any unpaid installments of
- 6 interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with an action
- 7 or proceedings by or on behalf of those holders are fully met,
- 8 paid, and discharged.
- 9 Sec. 19. Notwithstanding any restriction in any other law,
- 10 this state and a public officer, local unit of government, agency
- 11 of this state or a local unit of government, an intergovernmental
- 12 entity created under the laws of this state; a bank, trust com-
- 13 pany, savings bank and institution, savings and loan association,
- 14 investment company, or other person carrying on a banking busi-
- 15 ness; an insurance company, insurance association, or other
- 16 person carrying on an insurance business; or an executor, admin-
- 17 istrator, guardian, trustee, or other fiduciary may legally
- 18 invest funds belonging to them or within their control in bonds
- 19 or notes issued under this act, and authority bonds or notes
- 20 shall be authorized security for public deposits.
- 21 Sec. 20. (1) The Michigan alternative energy technology
- 22 fund is created under the jurisdiction and control of the author-
- 23 ity and may be administered for the general operations of the
- 24 authority and to secure any notes and bonds of the authority.
- 25 (2) The authority may receive money or other assets from any
- 26 source for deposit into the fund. The authority shall credit to
- 27 the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

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- 1 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
- 2 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to any other fund.
- 3 (4) The authority shall expend money from the fund only for
- 4 the purposes provided in this act.
- 5 (5) The authority shall deposit into the fund all money it
- 6 receives from the sale, transfer, or lease of property under this
- 7 act. The authority shall credit to the fund the proceeds of the
- 8 sale of notes or bonds to the extent provided for in the autho-
- 9 rizing resolution of the authority and any other money made
- 10 available to the authority for the purposes of the fund.
- 11 Sec. 21. The authority created under this act shall be
- 12 exempt from and shall not be required to pay taxes on property,
- 13 both real and personal, belonging to the authority, which is used
- 14 for a public purpose. Property of the authority is public prop-
- 15 erty devoted to an essential public and governmental function and
- 16 purpose. The authority's income and operation, including bonds
- 17 or notes issued by the authority or the interest and income
- 18 derived from the bonds or notes, are exempt from all taxes and
- 19 special assessments of this state or a political subdivision of
- 20 this state.
- 21 Sec. 22. (1) There is transferred to the authority, without
- 22 consideration, certain parcels of state owned property located in
- 23 York township, Washtenaw county, Michigan, and further described
- 24 as follows:
- 25 (a) Parcel #1: All of section 2, t4s, r6e, washtenaw
- 26 county, Michigan, lying westerly of interstate highway us-23
- 27 except the north 1,200 feet thereof. The above described parcel

- 1 contains approximately 342 acres, subject to survey, and to all
- 2 easements and restrictions of record, if any.
- 3 (b) Parcel #2: the east 1/2 of section 3, t4s, r6e, wash-
- 4 tenaw county, Michigan, except the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4
- 5 of said section 3, containing approximately 302 acres, subject to
- 6 survey, and to all easements and restrictions of record, if any.
- 7 (c) Parcel #3: the northwest 1/4 of section 3, t4n, r6e,
- 8 washtenaw county, Michigan lying easterly of the conrail rail-
- 9 road, containing approximately 53 acres, subject to survey, and
- 10 to all easements and restrictions of record, if any.
- 11 (d) Parcel #4: beginning at the north 1/4 corner of section
- 12 11, t4s, r6e, washtenaw county, Michigan, thence south 89 degrees
- 13 49' 45" west 1,485.77 feet, on the north line of said section 11;
- 14 thence south 01 degrees 32' 29" east 948.23 feet; thence north 89
- 15 degrees 49' 45" east 490.01 feet; thence north 01 degrees 32' 29"
- 16 west 239.65 feet; thence north 89 degrees 49' 45" east 998.63
- 17 feet, to the north-south 1/4 line of said section 11; thence
- 18 north 01 degrees 46' 23" west 708.65 feet, on said north-south
- 19 1/4 line to the point of beginning; containing 26.88 acres, more
- 20 or less, subject to survey, and to all easements and restrictions
- 21 of record, if any.
- 22 (2) The descriptions of the parcels in subsection (1) are
- 23 approximate and for purposes of transfer are subject to adjust-
- 24 ments as the state administrative board or the attorney general
- 25 considers necessary by survey or other legal description. These
- 26 parcels of land are subject to any easements, rights-of-way, or
- 27 restrictions existing at the time of transfer, if any.

- 1 Sec. 23. (1) Upon completion of the transfer described in
- 2 section 22, the authority, on behalf of this state and for the
- 3 purposes of the authority, may convey for value as determined
- 4 under section 24, or may convey a leasehold in, any portion or
- 5 all of the parcels of property described in section 22.
- **6** (2) Any reuse or development of the property conveyed or
- 7 leased under this act shall be done by the authority in con-
- 8 formance with a plan developed by the authority. The authority
- 9 may enter into an agreement with a state university governed by a
- 10 control board under section 4 of article VIII of the state con-
- 11 stitution of 1963, a local unit of government, a governmental
- 12 agency, or a nonprofit corporation to create this plan or develop
- 13 the property conveyed.
- 14 Sec. 24. (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions to the
- 15 contrary, value shall be determined by the authority under sec-
- 16 tion 22 based on the property's highest and best use in accord-
- 17 ance with the plan described in section 23 and the purposes of
- 18 the authority. The authority may, on terms and conditions, and
- 19 in a manner for consideration the authority considers proper,
- 20 fair, and valuable, including for no monetary consideration,
- 21 convey, sell, transfer, exchange, lease as lessor, or otherwise
- 22 dispose of property or rights or interests in property in which
- 23 the authority holds a legal interest to any public or private
- 24 person for the specific purpose of fulfilling this act.
- 25 Consideration received from any conveyance of the authority's
- 26 real or personal property shall be deposited in the fund created
- 27 under section 20 of this act.

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1 (2) Any conveyance of the property described in this act

- 2 shall provide for all of the following:
- 3 (a) That the property shall be used for public purposes or
- 4 to further the public purposes of this act, as determined by the
- 5 authority pursuant to the purposes in this act, and that upon
- 6 termination of that use or use for any other purpose, the author-
- 7 ity may reenter and repossess the property, terminating the
- 8 grantee's estate in the property.
- 9 (b) That any subsequent conveyance by the grantee or the
- 10 grantee's successors shall also be subject to the "exclusive use"
- 11 and right of reentry and possession provisions of
- 12 subdivision (a).
- 13 (c) That if the grantee or the grantee's successor disputes
- 14 the authority's exercise of its rights of reentry and possession
- 15 and fails to promptly deliver possession of the property to this
- 16 state, the attorney general, on behalf of this state, may bring
- 17 an action to quiet title to, and regain possession of, the
- 18 property.
- 19 (3) A conveyance authorized under this act shall be by quit-
- 20 claim deed approved by the attorney general and shall convey all
- 21 rights held by the state to coal, oil, gas, and other minerals
- 22 found on or under the property conveyed.
- 23 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this act, or as the
- 24 authority otherwise agrees, any proceeds received by the author-
- 25 ity may be retained by the authority for the purposes of this
- **26** act.

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- 1 (5) The authority shall obtain an appraisal of the
- 2 property.
- 3 Sec. 25. This act shall be construed liberally to effectu-

- 4 ate the legislative intent and its purposes. All powers granted
- 5 shall be cumulative and not exclusive and shall be broadly inter-
- 6 preted to effectuate the intent and purposes and not as a limita-
- 7 tion of powers.
- 8 Sec. 26. (1) This state shall reimburse intermediate school
- 9 districts each year for all tax revenue lost on property previ-
- 10 ously subject to the collection of taxes under the general prop-
- 11 erty tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as the result of
- 12 the exemption of property under section 9i of the general prop-
- 13 erty tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.9i.
- 14 (2) This state shall reimburse local school districts each
- 15 year for all tax revenue lost on property previously subject to
- 16 the collection of taxes under the general property tax act, 1893
- 17 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as the result of the exemption of
- 18 property under section 9i of the general property tax act, 1893
- **19** PA 206, MCL 211.9i.
- 20 (3) This state shall reimburse the school aid fund for all
- 21 revenues lost on property previously subject to the collection of
- 22 taxes under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1
- 23 to 211.157, as the result of the exemption of property under sec-
- 24 tion 9i of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
- 25 MCL 211.9i. Foundation allowances calculated under section 20 of
- 26 the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1620, shall
- 27 not be reduced as a result of lost revenues from the exemption of

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- 1 property under section 9i of the general property tax act, 1893
- 2 PA 206, MCL 211.9i.