

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 970**

A bill to amend 1964 PA 284, entitled  
"City income tax act,"  
by amending section 3 of chapter 1 (MCL 141.503), as amended by  
2011 PA 56.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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CHAPTER 1

Sec. 3. (1) The governing body of a city, by a lawfully  
adopted ordinance that incorporates by reference the uniform city  
income tax ordinance set forth in chapter 2, may levy, assess, and  
collect an excise tax on income as provided in the ordinance. The  
ordinance shall state the rate of the tax which shall be the rate  
authorized by 1 of the following:

(a) The uniform city income tax ordinance under section 11 of

1 chapter 2.

2 (b) Subsection (2).

3 (c) Section 3a, 3b, or 3c of this chapter.

4 (2) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3), (4), and~~  
5 ~~(5), in~~ **IN** a city with a population of more than 600,000, the  
6 governing body may levy and collect a tax at a rate to be  
7 determined from time to time, that rate to be not more than 2% on  
8 corporations and the following maximum tax rates on resident  
9 individuals and nonresident individuals for the following years:

10 (a) Before July 1, 1999, 3.00% on resident individuals and  
11 1.50% on nonresident individuals.

12 (b) Beginning July 1, 1999 and each July 1 after 1999 **THROUGH**  
13 **JULY 1, 2012**, except for 2008 and 2009, the maximum tax rate under  
14 this subsection on resident individuals shall be reduced by 0.1  
15 until the rate on resident individuals is 2.0%. The tax rate  
16 imposed on nonresident individuals shall be 50% of the tax rate  
17 imposed on resident individuals each year.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for  
19 the 2008 and 2009 calendar years, the city shall impose the same  
20 tax rate on resident individuals and nonresident individuals as the  
21 city had imposed for the 2007 calendar year.

22 **(D) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER SUBDIVISION (E),**  
23 **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND EACH YEAR AFTER 2013, A RATE OF NOT**  
24 **MORE THAN 2.40% ON RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS AND 1.20% ON NONRESIDENT**  
25 **INDIVIDUALS.**

26 **(E) BEGINNING JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING THE**  
27 **YEAR THAT ALL BONDS, OBLIGATIONS, AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF**

1 INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY A LIGHTING AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN FULLY PAID  
2 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A RATE OF NOT MORE THAN 2.20% ON RESIDENT  
3 INDIVIDUALS AND 1.10% ON NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS.

4 ~~—— (3) If any 3 of the following conditions exist in a city with  
5 a population of 600,000 or more, the city may apply to the state  
6 administrative board for certification that those conditions exist  
7 and the maximum tax rate under subsection (2) (b) shall not be  
8 further reduced as provided in subsections (4) and (5):~~

9 ~~—— (a) Funds have been withdrawn from the city's budget  
10 stabilization fund for 2 or more consecutive city fiscal years or  
11 there is a balance of zero in the city's budget stabilization fund.~~

12 ~~—— (b) The city's income tax revenue growth rate is 0.95 or less.~~

13 ~~—— (c) The local tax base growth rate is 80% or less of the  
14 statewide tax base growth rate.~~

15 ~~—— (d) The city's unemployment rate is 10% or higher according to  
16 the most recent statistics available from the Michigan jobs  
17 commission.~~

18 ~~—— (4) If the state administrative board certifies within 60 days  
19 of application that any 3 of the conditions set forth under  
20 subsection (3) are met, the maximum tax rate under subsection (2)  
21 shall not be further reduced from the date of the state  
22 administrative board's certification until the July 1 following the  
23 expiration of 1 year after the state administrative board's  
24 certification unless the city applies for certification that the  
25 conditions continue to exist. Before the expiration of the  
26 certification, the city may apply to the state administrative board  
27 to certify that the conditions continue to exist and if the state~~

1 ~~administrative board so certifies, the certification may continue~~  
2 ~~until the July 1 following the expiration of 1 year after the state~~  
3 ~~administrative board's certification that the conditions continue~~  
4 ~~to exist. The city may continue to apply for certification until~~  
5 ~~the conditions under subsection (3) no longer exist.~~

6 ~~—— (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if on~~  
7 ~~July 1 the maximum tax rate on resident individuals is reduced~~  
8 ~~under subsection (2) after a year or years in which the maximum tax~~  
9 ~~rate was not reduced because of subsections (3) and (4), the~~  
10 ~~maximum tax rate on resident individuals shall be the maximum tax~~  
11 ~~rate in effect on June 30 of that year reduced by 0.1 and the rate~~  
12 ~~on nonresident individuals shall be 50% of the rate imposed on~~  
13 ~~resident individuals. On each subsequent July 1, subsection (2)~~  
14 ~~applies to the maximum tax rates, subject to subsections (3) and~~  
15 ~~(4).~~

16 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW OR ANY  
17 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY TO THE CONTRARY, A CITY THAT FORMS A LIGHTING  
18 AUTHORITY SHALL DEPOSIT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE SUM OF THE REVENUE  
19 COLLECTED FROM 0.2% OF THE RATE LEVIED ON RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS  
20 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) (D) AND 0.1% OF THE RATE LEVIED ON  
21 NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) (D) DIRECTLY INTO  
22 THE BUDGET OF THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND USE IT EXCLUSIVELY  
23 TO RETAIN OR HIRE POLICE OFFICERS. THE TRANSFER AND USE OF THE  
24 REVENUE AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL  
25 BONDS, OBLIGATIONS, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY A  
26 LIGHTING AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN FULLY PAID AND REVENUE IS NO LONGER  
27 BEING PLEDGED FROM TAXES LEVIED UNDER THE CITY UTILITY USERS TAX

1 ACT, 1990 PA 100, MCL 141.1151 TO 141.1177, TO THE LIGHTING  
2 AUTHORITY. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "LIGHTING AUTHORITY" MEANS A  
3 LIGHTING AUTHORITY INCORPORATED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL LIGHTING  
4 AUTHORITY ACT.

5 (4) ~~(6)~~—The governing body of a city may adopt the uniform  
6 city income tax ordinance with the alternative sections as set  
7 forth in chapter 3 instead of the similarly numbered sections as  
8 set forth in chapter 2. The uniform city income tax ordinance may  
9 be lawfully adopted or rescinded by the governing body at any time.  
10 The adoption of an ordinance is effective on and after January 1 or  
11 July 1 following adoption of the ordinance, as specified in the  
12 ordinance, but an ordinance shall not become effective earlier than  
13 45 days after adoption or until approved by the electors if a  
14 referendum petition is filed as authorized in this act or a  
15 referendum is otherwise required. The rescission of an ordinance  
16 shall become effective on the following December 31. The ordinance  
17 may be rescinded at any time by the governing body in the same  
18 manner in which it was adopted and with appropriate enforcement,  
19 collection, and refund provisions with respect to liabilities  
20 incurred prior to the effective date of the rescission of the  
21 ordinance. The ordinance shall not be amended except as provided by  
22 the legislature. A city may amend the ordinance to change the tax  
23 rate to a rate authorized by this act.

24 (5) ~~(7)~~—Petitions for a referendum election on the question of  
25 adopting an ordinance adopted by the governing body may be filed  
26 with the city clerk not later than the sixth Monday following the  
27 adoption of the ordinance. The petitions shall be signed by a

1 number of registered electors of the city equal to at least 10%,  
2 but not more than 20%, of the registered electors of the city  
3 voting in the last general municipal election prior to the adoption  
4 of the ordinance by the governing body. If proper petitions are  
5 filed, the question of adopting the ordinance shall be submitted by  
6 the governing body to the city electors at the next primary or  
7 general election or at a special election called for the purpose,  
8 in any case held not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days after  
9 the clerk has reported the filing of the referendum petition to the  
10 city's governing body. The checking of names on the petitions, the  
11 counting, canvassing, and return of the votes on the question, and  
12 other procedures for the election shall be as provided by law or  
13 charter. Upon a favorable vote of the city electors, the ordinance  
14 shall be effective as specified in the ordinance which may be  
15 amended by the governing body of the city following the election to  
16 specify July 1 or January 1 as the effective date of the ordinance,  
17 if the effective date originally specified in the ordinance is  
18 considered impractical or inconvenient for any reason. The  
19 provisions in this section for a referendum election, and for  
20 delaying the effective date of the ordinance if petitions for a  
21 referendum are filed, are not applicable to a city that on January  
22 1, 1964 had in effect a valid ordinance levying and imposing an  
23 excise tax levied on or measured by income. Notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of this act, if an ordinance becomes effective on  
25 any date other than January 1, each tax year shall end on December  
26 31, and the provisions of the ordinance based on a full tax year  
27 are modified accordingly to be applicable to the partial tax year.

1 ~~—— (8) The city shall annualize the rates under this section as~~  
2 ~~necessary.~~

3 ~~—— (9) As used in this section:~~

4 ~~—— (a) "Consumer price index" means the Detroit consumer price~~  
5 ~~index for all urban consumers as defined and reported by the United~~  
6 ~~States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, and as~~  
7 ~~certified by the state treasurer.~~

8 ~~—— (b) "Income tax revenue growth rate" means a number the~~  
9 ~~numerator of which is the income tax collections of the city for~~  
10 ~~the city fiscal year immediately preceding the city's application~~  
11 ~~under subsection (3) and the denominator of which is the product of~~  
12 ~~the income tax collections of the city for the city fiscal year~~  
13 ~~immediately preceding the city fiscal year used to determine the~~  
14 ~~numerator multiplied by 1 plus the corresponding percentage change~~  
15 ~~in the average consumer price index for the calendar year ending in~~  
16 ~~the city fiscal year used to determine the numerator.~~

17 ~~—— (c) "Local tax base growth rate" means the total taxable value~~  
18 ~~of real property and personal property in the city for the most~~  
19 ~~recent year for which data is available divided by the total~~  
20 ~~taxable value of real property and personal property in the city~~  
21 ~~for the second year immediately preceding the most recent year for~~  
22 ~~which the data is available.~~

23 ~~—— (d) "Statewide tax base growth rate" means the total taxable~~  
24 ~~value of real property and personal property in the state for the~~  
25 ~~most recent year for which the data is available divided by the~~  
26 ~~total taxable value of real property and personal property in the~~  
27 ~~state for the second year immediately preceding the most recent~~

1 ~~year for which the data is available.~~

2           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
3 unless all of the following bills of the 96th Legislature are  
4 enacted into law:

5           (a) House Bill No. 5688.

6           (b) House Bill No. 5705.