MEDICAL CENTER COMMISSION

Act 154 of 1949

AN ACT to authorize any city or incorporated village, having a population of over 500,000 according to the latest or each succeeding federal decennial census, to establish a medical center commission and prescribe its duties, to acquire and dispose of real property in a medical center district, to prescribe the methods of finance and exercise of these powers, and to declare the effect of this act.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

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331.601 Medical center commission; declaration of necessity.

Sec. 1.

It is hereby found and declared that inadequate and insufficient facilities exist, both governmental and non-governmental, for research into the causes of physical and mental disease, for the training of students in medicine, psychiatry, dentistry, and nursing; that the lack of these facilities makes it difficult, if not impossible, to secure enough competent personnel for these professions; that the centralization of the resources of a number of institutions, governmental and non-governmental, into a medical center district would create better conditions for research and training; that in order to secure a centralization of facilities a medical center commission is necessary to interest the needed institutions in such an arrangement and to acquire the land needed for a medical center district; that in order to select the most favorable location it is necessary for cities and villages to exercise their power of eminent domain to acquire land for the use of both governmental and non-governmental medical institutions; that, since medical institutions find it difficult to finance the acquisition of land or the construction of buildings, a medical center commission is necessary as a centralized method of obtaining funds from whatever sources may be available; and the necessity in the public interest for provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination to be a public purpose and a public use.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949

331.602 Medical commission; definitions.

Sec. 2.

The following terms whenever used or referred to in this act shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

The term "commission" as hereinafter used shall mean medical center commission.

The term "district" shall mean medical center district.

"Governmental institutions" shall mean hospitals, clinics, medical schools, medical research institutes, and related institutions which are governmentally owned and operated.

"Private institutions" shall mean hospitals, clinics, medical schools, medical research institutes, and related institutions which are privately owned and operated and are not for profit.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949

331.603 Medical commission; creation.

Sec. 3.

Any city or incorporated village, meeting the requirements of this act, is hereby authorized to create by ordinance a commission with power to accomplish the purposes of this act.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949

331.604 Medical commission; district boundaries, development plan.

Sec. 4.

The commission shall establish the boundaries of the district and shall draw up a development plan, subject to the approval of the local planning commission, if any, and of the local legislative body. The commission shall administer the plan for the district and shall be responsible for its effectuation.

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331.605 Medical commission; membership, term, appointment, vacancies.

Sec. 5.

The membership and the terms of office of said commission shall be established at the discretion of the local legislative body. The number of commissioners, however, shall not exceed 9. The terms of office shall be alternated in such a manner that they do not expire at the same time. The members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor or the village president. The commissioners shall serve without compensation. Any vacancies in office shall be filled by the mayor or the village president for the remainder of the unexpired term.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949

331.606 Conducting business at public meeting; notice; frequency of meetings; rules of procedure; record of proceedings; availability of writings to public; quorum; election of president and vice-president; appointment, duties, and compensation of officers and employees.

Sec. 6.

(1) The business which the commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance with 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. The commission shall meet at regular intervals.

(2) The commission shall adopt rules of procedure and shall keep a record of its proceedings. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Not less than 1/2 of the members shall be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) A president and vice-president shall be elected by the commission. The commission may appoint a director who may also serve as secretary, and other officers and employees as it considers necessary. The commission shall prescribe the duties of its officers and employees and, with the approval of the local legislative body, fix their compensation.

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331.607 Medical commission; acceptance of grants or loans.

Sec. 7.

To finance the purposes of this act, the commission may accept grants or loans from the local, state, or federal government; or may obtain funds through the sale of revenue bonds.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949

331.608 Medical commission; property, purchase, condemnation, sale or lease.

Sec. 8.

The commission may, with the approval of the local legislative body, take and hold, by purchase, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, such real and personal property as may be proper for carrying out the intent and purpose of this act. It shall recommend to the local legislative body the institution of condemnation proceedings whenever, in its judgment, private property should be taken in the name of the municipality for the purposes of the commission. Any land acquired by the municipality for the purposes of this act shall be held in fee simple title by the commission. The commission may sell or lease land, so acquired, to either governmental or non-governmental institutions, or may convey it for a public purpose.

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331.609 Medical commission; powers as to governmental institutional buildings.

Sec. 9.

The commission may make funds available for the erection of governmental institutional buildings in the district, and for the operation and maintenance of said governmental institutional buildings. The commission may assist non-governmental institutions in the raising of funds from any available source for the purchase of land in the district, and for the erection, operation and maintenance of institutional buildings in said district. It shall have those powers as stated in this act and such further powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of this act: Provided, however, That these powers are not inconsistent with charter provisions and state law. The powers granted in this act shall be in addition to powers granted to municipalities, the local legislative bodies thereof and other officials and bodies thereof under the statutes and local charters.

History: 1949, Act 154, Eff. Sept. 23, 1949