

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AUTHORITY (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 99 of 1954**

**254.224 Real property; purchase and conveyance by city of Sault Ste. Marie; condemnation proceedings; title; removal of property.**

Sec. 4.

(1) The authority is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, whenever it considers such purchase expedient, solely from funds provided under the authority of this act, such lands, structures, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, which are located within or without the state, as it considers necessary or convenient for the construction, repair, improvement, and operation of the project, upon such terms and at such prices as it considers to be reasonable and that can be agreed upon between it and the owner thereof, and to take title thereto in the name of the authority.

(2) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the city of Sault Ste. Marie is authorized and empowered to lease, lend, grant, or convey to the authority at its request upon such terms and conditions as the city considers reasonable and fair and without the necessity for any advertisement, order of court, or other action of formality, other than the regular and formal action of the governing body of the city, any real property which may be necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the authorized purposes of the authority, including public highways and other real property already devoted to public use.

(3) If a reasonable price cannot be agreed upon, or if the owner is legally incapacitated, absent, unknown, or unable to convey valid title, the authority is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other property, including public lands, parks, playgrounds, reservations, highways, or parkways, or parts thereof or rights therein, of any person, copartnership, association, railroad, public service, public utility or other corporation, municipality or political subdivision considered necessary or convenient for the construction, repair, or improvement or the efficient operation of the project or necessary in restoration of public or private property damaged or destroyed. Any such proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the uniform condemnation procedures act, 1980 PA 87, MCL 213.51 to 213.75. Title to any property acquired by the authority shall be taken in the name of the authority.

(4) If the owner, lessee, or occupier of any property to be condemned refuses to remove his or her personal property from the property or give up possession of the property, the authority may proceed to obtain possession in any manner now or hereafter provided by law.

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