

**HOUSING PROJECTS**  
**Act 162 of 1953**

AN ACT to authorize cities and incorporated villages or townships to acquire, own, operate, maintain and dispose of housing projects of the United States government or any agency thereof, and in so doing to comply with all conditions imposed pursuant to the applicable laws of the United States; and to authorize payments in lieu of taxes.

**History:** 1953, Act 162, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**125.731 Housing projects; acquisition and maintenance by municipality; operating agent; public function; inapplicable act; time limits.**

Sec. 1. Any city or incorporated village or township is hereby authorized to acquire, own, operate and maintain any existing temporary housing project of the United States government or any agency thereof, and to dispose of any housing project or part thereof so acquired when the governing body of the city or village or township finds there is no longer a need therefor. In the acquisition of such housing projects, a city or incorporated village or township may comply with any conditions imposed by any agency of the United States government pursuant to Title VI of the Act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1125, 42 U.S.C. 1521, et seq.), as amended, relating to disposal of federal housing projects. Any city or incorporated village or township may designate its housing commission as its agent in the operation of any housing project so acquired. The exercise of the powers herein granted and the acquisition of any leasehold interest in lands in connection with the acquisition of any such housing project are hereby declared to be public, governmental and municipal functions, exercised for a public purpose and matters of public necessity. The limitations and restrictions in Act No. 18 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of 1933, as amended, being sections 125.651 to 125.698 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, on rentals and tenancy of housing projects shall not apply to the operation or management of housing projects acquired hereunder, if the dwelling units so acquired are brought up to minimum standards of housing imposed by state laws and local housing minimum standards: Provided, That work must start by July 1, 1961, and be completed by July 1962.

**History:** 1953, Act 162, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953;—Am. 1957, Act 16, Eff. Sept. 27, 1957;—Am. 1960, Act 150, Imd. Eff. May 23, 1960;—Am. 1961, Act 51, Imd. Eff. May 20, 1961.

**125.732 Housing projects; payments in lieu of taxes.**

Sec. 2. Any city or incorporated village or township shall make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to housing projects acquired hereunder in such amounts as may be deemed equitable and appropriate but not to exceed the taxes which would be levied on the property if it were not tax exempt: Provided, That no payments in lieu of taxes at a lesser rate than would be levied on the property if it were not tax exempt shall be valid without first submitting a proposal for such lesser rate to the electors of the city, incorporated village or township at a regular election in the municipality and obtaining the approval of a majority of said electors voting thereon.

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