

**MICHIGAN EXPOSITION AND FAIRGROUNDS AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 361 of 1978**

**285.166 Powers and duties of authority.**

Sec. 6.

(1) The authority shall do all of the following:

(a) Conduct an annual state fair and other exhibits or events for the purpose of promoting all phases of the economy of this state. This fair and the exhibits or events shall encourage and demonstrate agricultural, industrial, commercial, educational, entertainment, tourism, technological, cultural, and recreational pursuits.

(b) Lease the state exposition and fairgrounds, a portion of the state exposition and fairgrounds, or a building on the state exposition and fairgrounds for purposes considered by the authority to be consistent with the staging of the state fair and other exhibits or events. The authority may determine and impose rental charges and other fees for the use or lease of the buildings and grounds or a portion of the buildings and grounds. The authority may lease properties to private and public organizations for a period not to exceed 30 years for consideration established by the authority. The authority may grant leases for all or a portion of the state exposition and fairgrounds to private and public organizations, conditional upon construction and improvements according to plans approved by the authority to be financed by the lessees, for terms not to exceed 30 years. The authority may grant an extension of the lease term for not more than an additional 20 years. The use of the state exposition and fairgrounds, a portion of the state exposition and fairgrounds, or a building on the state exposition and fairgrounds shall not interfere with the preparation for or holding of the state fair and other exhibits or events. Land, a building, or other property that is leased under this subdivision to a for-profit business shall be leased at fair market value. All leases and contracts entered into under this act remain valid until the expiration of the term of the lease or contract.

(c) Enter into contracts, subject to the requirements of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, to conduct the annual state fair, exhibits, or other events, at the state exposition and fairgrounds that enhance agricultural, industrial, commercial, recreational, educational, entertainment, tourism, technological, or cultural pursuits or government services to citizens.

(2) The authority may enter into cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agreements with 1 or more governmental entities to use the personnel, services, or facilities of the governmental entity to assist the authority with carrying out its duties under this act and as otherwise provided by law.

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