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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 253.545, 253.550, 253.557, 253.559, and 620.1900, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to facilities of historic significance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 253.545, 253.550, 253.557, 253.559, and 620.1900,

- 2 RSMo, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as
- 3 sections 253.544, 253.545, 253.550, 253.557, 253.559, and 620.1900, to read as
- 4 follows:
  - 253.544. Sections 253.544 to 253.559 shall be known and may be
- 2 cited as the "Missouri Historic, Heritage, Tourism, and Rural
- 3 Revitalization Act".

253.545. As used in sections 253.545 to 253.559, the following terms

- 2 mean, unless the context requires otherwise:
- 3 (1) "Applicable percentage":
- 4 (a) For essential community or heritage facility projects that are
- 5 historic county courthouses as described under this section, fifty
- 6 percent or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less;
- 7 (b) For residential projects approved for tax credits under
- 8 subsection 3 of section 253.550, twenty-five percent or fifty thousand
- 9 dollars, whichever is less;
- 10 (c) For projects located in a qualifying county that are not
- 11 residential projects approved under subsection 3 of section 253.550,
- 12 thirty-five percent;
- 13 (d) For projects not located in a qualifying county that are not

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

14 residential projects approved under subsection 3 of section 253.550, 15 twenty-five percent;

- 16 (2) "Certified historic structure", a property located in Missouri and listed 17 individually on the National Register of Historic Places;
- [(2)] (3) "Deed in lieu of foreclosure or voluntary conveyance", a transfer of title from a borrower to the lender to satisfy the mortgage debt and avoid foreclosure;
- 21 (4) "Department", the department of economic development;
- [(3)] **(5)** "Eligible property", property located in Missouri and offered or used for residential or business purposes;
  - (6) "Eligible recipient":

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- (a) For essential community or heritage facility projects, any taxpayer, including not-for-profit, governmental, or quasi-governmental entities incurring expenses in connection with an eligible property;
- 28 (b) For all other projects, any individual taxpayer or for-profit 29 entity incurring expenses in connection with an eligible property;
  - (7) "Essential community or heritage facility", any structure that:
- 31 (a) Is a historic county courthouse located in a qualifying county; 32 or
- 33 (b) a. Is significant in the history, architecture, archeology, or 34 culture of this state or its communities, as designated by the governing 35 body of the county;
  - b. Was originally constructed at least fifty years prior to the date of the eligible recipient's application, and which remains or will be open for the benefit of the public at large without discrimination as to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or marital or familial status; and
  - c. Has at least one hundred thousand dollars in estimated eligible costs and expenses to be incurred in the rehabilitation of such structure, or, in the case of a leased property used to promote or educate patrons on the history, architecture, archeology, or culture of this state or its communities, as designated by the governing body of the county, fifty thousand dollars in estimated eligible costs and expenses to be incurred in the rehabilitation of such structure;
- 48 [(4)] (8) "Leasehold interest", a lease in an eligible property for a term 49 of not less than thirty years;
- 50 [(5)] (9) "Principal", a managing partner, general partner, or president

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- [(6)] (10) "Projected net fiscal benefit", the total net fiscal benefit to the state or municipality, less any state or local benefits offered to the taxpayer for a project, as determined by the department of economic development;
- [(7)] (11) "Qualified census tract", a census tract with a poverty rate of 55 twenty percent or higher as determined by a map and listing of census tracts 56 which shall be published by the department of economic development and 57 updated on a five-year cycle, and which map and listing shall depict census tracts 58 with twenty percent poverty rate or higher, grouped by census tracts with twenty 59 60 percent to forty-two percent poverty, and forty-two percent to eighty-one percent 61 poverty as determined by the most current five-year figures published by the 62 American Community Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau;
  - (12) "Qualified rehabilitation standards", the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, codified as 36 CFR 67, as determined by the state historic preservation office of the Missouri department of natural resources; provided that, with respect to essential community facility or heritage facility projects that are historic county courthouses as described under this section, such standards shall only apply to the structure exterior, including windows, and the structure site;
  - (13) "Qualifying county", any county of this state except counties with a charter form of government;
- [(8)] (14) "Structure in a certified historic district", a structure located in Missouri which is certified by the department of natural resources as contributing to the historic significance of a certified historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a local district that has been certified by the United States Department of the Interior;
- 78 [(9)] (15) "Taxpayer", any person, firm, partnership, trust, estate, limited 79 liability company, or corporation.

253.550. 1. Any taxpayer incurring costs and expenses for the rehabilitation of eligible property, which is [a] an essential community or heritage facility, certified historic structure or structure in a certified historic district, [may] shall, subject to the provisions of this section and section 253.559, receive a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 143 and 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, on such taxpayer in an amount equal to [twenty-five percent] the applicable percentage of the total costs and expenses

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of rehabilitation incurred after January 1, 1998, which shall include, but not be limited to, qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined under section 47(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the related regulations thereunder, provided the rehabilitation costs associated with rehabilitation and the expenses exceed fifty percent of the total basis in the property and the rehabilitation meets [standards consistent with] the qualified rehabilitation standards [of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior for rehabilitation as determined by the state historic preservation officer of the Missouri department of natural resources].

- 2. (1) During the period beginning on January 1, 2010, but ending on or after June 30, 2010, the department of economic development shall not approve applications for tax credits under the provisions of subsections 4 and 10 of section 253.559 which, in the aggregate, exceed seventy million dollars, increased by any amount of tax credits for which approval shall be rescinded under the provisions of section 253.559. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2010, but ending before June 30, 2018, the department of economic development shall not approve applications for tax credits under the provisions of subsections 4 and 10 of section 253.559 which, in the aggregate, exceed one hundred forty million dollars, increased by any amount of tax credits for which approval shall be rescinded under the provisions of section 253.559. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, the department of economic development shall not approve applications for tax credits under the provisions of subsections 4 and 10 of section 253.559 for projects not located in a qualified census tract which, in the aggregate, exceed ninety million dollars, increased by any amount of tax credits for which approval shall be rescinded under the provisions of section 253.559. The limitations provided under this subsection shall not apply to applications approved under the provisions of subsection 4 of section 253.559 for projects to receive less than two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in tax credits.
- 37 (2) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, the department shall authorize an amount up to, but not to exceed, an additional thirty million dollars in tax credits issued under subsections 4 and 10 of section 253.559, 40 provided that such tax credits are authorized solely for projects located in a qualified census tract. If the maximum amount of tax credits allowed in any fiscal year as provided under this subdivision is authorized for projects located in a qualified census tract, such projects may be

44 authorized for tax credits under the limitation provided under 45 subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the maximum amount of 46 such tax credits for projects not located in a qualified census tract has 47 not been authorized for such fiscal year.

- (3) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, if the maximum amount of tax credits allowed in any fiscal year as provided under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection is authorized, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or its successor index, as such index is defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency. Only one such adjustment shall be made for each instance in which the provisions of this subdivision apply. The director of the department of economic development shall publish such adjusted amount.
- (4) Of the total amount of tax credits that may be authorized under subdivision (1) of this subsection, an amount shall be reserved as provided in this subdivision for essential community or heritage facility projects that are historic county courthouses as described under section 253.545, provided that no qualifying county shall have more than two such projects authorized in a fiscal year, and further provided that no such project shall receive an authorization for tax credits other than from the amount reserved under this subdivision.
- (a) Beginning with the fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, and ending on or before June 30, 2021, five million dollars shall be reserved under subdivision (1) of this subsection for essential community or heritage facility projects that are historic county courthouses as described under section 253.545.
- (b) For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021, if the maximum amount of tax credits reserved under paragraph (a) of this subdivision, as adjusted by this paragraph, is authorized in any fiscal year, the amount to be reserved under this subdivision shall be permanently increased by one million dollars, provided that the amount to be reserved under this subdivision shall not exceed ten million dollars.
- (c) Any amount of tax credits reserved under this subdivision which are not authorized by March thirty-first of a fiscal year shall no longer stand reserved and may be authorized for any project under

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81 sections 253.544 to 253.559. In the event the department receives and 82 approves applications in an amount in excess of the available amount 83 reserved under this subdivision, such excess approvals shall be subject to the procedures set forth in subsection 5 of section 253.559. 84

- 3. (1) For all applications for tax credits approved on or after January 1, 2010, and on or before June 30, 2020, no more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in tax credits may be issued for eligible costs and expenses incurred in the rehabilitation of an eligible property which is a nonincome 89 producing single-family, [owner-occupied] residential property occupied by the taxpayer applicant or any relative within the third degree of 90 consanguinity or affinity of such applicant and is either a certified historic structure or a structure in a certified historic district.
  - (2) For all applications for tax credits approved on or after July 1, 2020, tax credits in amount equal to the applicable percentage may be issued for eligible costs and expenses incurred in the rehabilitation of an eligible property which is a nonincome producing single-family, residential property occupied by the taxpayer applicant or any relative within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity of such applicant and is either a certified historic structure or a structure in a certified historic district. For projects not located in a qualifying county, tax credits shall not be issued under this subsection unless such project is located in a distressed community, as defined under section 135.530.
- 103 4. The limitations on tax credit authorization provided under the 104 provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall not apply to:
- 105 (1) Any application submitted by a taxpayer, which has received approval 106 from the department prior to October 1, 2018; or
- 107 (2) Any taxpayer applying for tax credits, provided under this section, which, on or before October 1, 2018, has filed an application with the department 108 evidencing that such taxpayer: 109
- 110 (a) Has incurred costs and expenses for an eligible property which exceed 111 the lesser of five percent of the total project costs or one million dollars and 112 received an approved Part I from the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior; or 113
- (b) Has received certification, by the state historic preservation officer, 114 that the rehabilitation plan meets the qualified rehabilitation standards 115[consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department 116

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of the Interior,] and the rehabilitation costs and expenses associated with such rehabilitation shall exceed fifty percent of the total basis in the property.

253.557. 1. For all applications for tax credits approved on or after January 1, 2010, and on or before June 30, 2020, if the amount of 2 such credit exceeds the total tax liability for the year in which the rehabilitated 3 property is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the state tax liability may be carried back to any of the three preceding years and carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and chapter 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265 for the succeeding ten years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first. For all applications for tax credits approved on or after July 1, 2020, if the amount of such credit exceeds the total tax liability for the year in which the rehabilitated property 11 is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the state tax liability may 12be carried back to the immediately preceding tax year and carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed under chapters 143 and 13 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, for the succeeding five years, 14 or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first. Not-for-profit entities, including but not limited to corporations organized as not-for-profit 16 corporations pursuant to chapter 355 shall be [ineligible] eligible for the tax 17 credits authorized under sections 253.545 [through 253.561] **to** 18 253.559. Taxpayers eligible for such tax credits may transfer, sell or assign the 19 credits. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a 20 partnership or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the 2122 partners, members or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an executed 23 agreement among the partners, members or owners documenting an alternate 24 distribution method.

2. The assignee of the tax credits, hereinafter the assignee for purposes of this subsection, may use acquired credits to offset up to one hundred percent of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and chapter 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265. The assignor shall perfect such transfer by notifying the department of economic development in writing within thirty calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the department of economic development to administer and carry out the provisions of this section.

253.559. 1. To obtain approval for tax credits allowed under sections 2 253.545 to 253.559, a taxpayer shall submit an application for tax credits to the

3 department of economic development. Each application for approval, including

- 4 any applications received for supplemental allocations of tax credits as provided
- 5 under subsection 10 of this section, shall be prioritized for review and approval,
- 6 in the order of the date on which the application was postmarked, with the oldest
- 7 postmarked date receiving priority. Applications postmarked on the same day
- B shall go through a lottery process to determine the order in which such
- 9 applications shall be reviewed.
- 10 2. Each application shall be reviewed by the department of economic
- 11 development for approval. In order to receive approval, an application, other
- 12 than applications submitted under the provisions of subsection 10 of this section,
- 13 shall include:
- 14 (1) Proof of ownership or site control. Proof of ownership shall include
- 15 evidence that the taxpayer is the fee simple owner of the eligible property, such
- 16 as a warranty deed or a closing statement. Proof of site control may be evidenced
- 17 by a leasehold interest or an option to acquire such an interest. If the taxpayer
- 18 is in the process of acquiring fee simple ownership, proof of site control shall
- 19 include an executed sales contract or an executed option to purchase the eligible
- 20 property;
- 21 (2) Floor plans of the existing structure, architectural plans, and, where
- 22 applicable, plans of the proposed alterations to the structure, as well as proposed
- 23 additions;
- 24 (3) The estimated cost of rehabilitation, the anticipated total costs of the
- 25 project, the actual basis of the property, as shown by proof of actual acquisition
- 26 costs, the anticipated total labor costs, the estimated project start date, and the
- 27 estimated project completion date;
- 28 (4) Proof that the property is an eligible property and a designated
- 29 essential community or heritage facility, a certified historic structure or a
- 30 structure in a certified historic district;
- 31 (5) A copy of all land use and building approvals reasonably necessary for
- 32 the commencement of the project; and
- 33 (6) Any other information which the department of economic development
- 34 may reasonably require to review the project for approval.
- 35 Only the property for which a property address is provided in the application
- 36 shall be reviewed for approval. Once selected for review, a taxpayer shall not be
- 37 permitted to request the review of another property for approval in the place of
- 38 the property contained in such application. Any disapproved application shall be

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removed from the review process. If an application is removed from the review process, the department of economic development shall notify the taxpayer in writing of the decision to remove such application. Disapproved applications shall lose priority in the review process. A disapproved application, which is removed from the review process, may be resubmitted, but shall be deemed to be a new submission for purposes of the priority procedures described in this section.

- 3. (1) In evaluating an application for tax credits submitted under this section, the department of economic development shall also consider:
  - (a) The amount of projected net fiscal benefit of the project to the state and local municipality, and the period in which the state and municipality would realize such net fiscal benefit;
  - (b) The overall size and quality of the proposed project, including the estimated number of new jobs to be created by the project, the potential multiplier effect of the project, and similar factors;
    - (c) The level of economic distress in the area; and
  - (d) Input from the local elected officials in the local municipality in which the proposed project is located as to the importance of the proposed project to the municipality. For any proposed project in any city not within a county, input from the local elected officials shall include, but shall not be limited to, the president of the board of aldermen.
  - (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to applications for projects to receive less than two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in tax credits.
- 62 4. If the department of economic development deems the application 63 sufficient, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing of the approval for an amount of tax credits equal to the amount provided under section 253.550 less any 64 amount of tax credits previously approved. Such approvals shall be granted to 65 applications in the order of priority established under this section and shall 66 require full compliance thereafter with all other requirements of law as a condition to any claim for such credits. If the department of economic 68 development disapproves an application, the taxpayer shall be notified in writing 69 of the reasons for such disapproval. A disapproved application may be 70 resubmitted. If the scope of a project for which an application has been approved under this section materially changes, then the taxpayer shall 73 be eligible to receive additional tax credits in the year in which the department is notified of and approves of such change in scope, subject

to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 253.550 and subsection 5 of this section, if applicable, provided that if such project was originally approved prior to August 28, 2018, the department shall evaluate the change in scope of the project under the criteria in effect prior to such date. A change in project scope shall be considered material under this subsection if:

- (1) The project has not previously been subject to a material change in scope for which additional tax credits were approved; and
- (2) The requested amount of tax credits for the project after such change in scope are higher than the originally approved amount of tax credits for such project by at least five hundred thousand dollars.
- 5. Following approval of an application, the identity of the taxpayer contained in such application shall not be modified except:
- (1) The taxpayer may add partners, members, or shareholders as part of the ownership structure, so long as the principal remains [the same] a principal of the taxpayer, provided however, that subsequent to the commencement of renovation and the expenditure of at least ten percent of the proposed rehabilitation budget, removal of the principal for failure to perform duties and the appointment of a new principal thereafter shall not constitute a change of the principal; or
- (2) Where the ownership of the project is changed due to a foreclosure, deed in lieu of a foreclosure or voluntary conveyance, or a transfer in bankruptcy.
- 6. In the event that the department of economic development grants approval for tax credits equal to the total amount available **or reserved**, **as applicable**, under subsection 2 of section 253.550, or sufficient that when totaled with all other approvals, the amount available **or reserved**, **as applicable**, under subsection 2 of section 253.550 is exhausted, all taxpayers with applications then awaiting approval or thereafter submitted for approval shall be notified by the department of economic development that no additional approvals shall be granted during the fiscal year and shall be notified of the priority given to such taxpayer's application then awaiting approval. Such applications shall be kept on file by the department of economic development and shall be considered for approval for tax credits in the order established in this section in the event that additional credits become available due to the rescission of approvals or when a new fiscal year's allocation of credits becomes available for approval **or reservation**, as applicable.

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111 7. All taxpayers with applications receiving approval on or after July 1, 112 2019, shall submit within sixty days following the award of credits evidence of the 113 capacity of the applicant to finance the costs and expenses for the rehabilitation 114 of the eligible property in the form of a line of credit or letter of commitment 115 subject to the lender's termination for a material adverse change impacting the 116 extension of credit. If the department of economic development determines that a taxpayer has failed to comply with the requirements under this subsection, then 117 118 the department shall notify the applicant of such failure and the applicant shall 119 have a thirty-day period from the date of such notice to submit additional 120 evidence to remedy the failure.

8. All taxpayers with applications receiving approval on or after the effective date of this act shall commence rehabilitation within [nine] eighteen months of the date of issuance of the letter from the department of economic development granting the approval for tax credits. "Commencement of rehabilitation" shall mean that as of the date in which actual physical work, contemplated by the architectural plans submitted with the application, has begun, the taxpayer has incurred no less than [ten] twenty percent of the estimated costs of rehabilitation provided in the application. Taxpayers with approval of a project shall submit evidence of compliance with the provisions of this subsection. Taxpayers shall notify the department of any loss of site control, or failure to exercise any option to obtain site control within the prescribed time period, within ten days of such failure. If the department of economic development determines that a taxpayer has lost or failed to obtain site control of the eligible property or otherwise failed to comply with the requirements provided under this section, the approval for the amount of tax credits for such taxpayer shall be rescinded [and such amount of tax credits]. A taxpayer may voluntarily forfeit such approval at any time by written notice to the department. Any approval rescinded or forfeited under this subsection shall then be included in the total amount of tax credits available in the year of such rescission or forfeiture, provided under subsection 2 of section 253.550, from which approvals may be granted. Any taxpayer whose approval [shall be subject to rescission] is rescinded or forfeited under this section shall be notified of such from the department of economic development and, upon receipt of such notice, may submit a new application for the project. If a taxpayer's approval is rescinded or forfeited under this subsection and such taxpayer later submits a new

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147 application for the same project, any expenditures eligible for tax credits under section 253.550 which are incurred by such taxpayer from 148 and after the date of the rescinded or forfeited approval shall remain 149eligible expenditures for the purposes of determining the amount of tax 150 credits which may be approved under section 253.550. 151

- 152 9. (1) To claim the credit authorized under sections 253.550 to 253.559, 153 a taxpayer with approval shall apply for final approval and issuance of tax credits from the department of economic 154 155 development which, in consultation with the department of natural resources, shall determine the final amount of eligible rehabilitation costs and expenses and 156 157 whether the completed rehabilitation meets the qualified rehabilitation 158 standards [of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior for 159 rehabilitation] as determined by the state historic preservation officer of the 160 Missouri department of natural resources. The department of natural 161 resources shall allow for a third party audit as evidence that the 162 completed rehabilitation meets the qualified rehabilitation standards.
  - (2) Within sixty days of the department's receipt of all materials required by the department for an application for final approval and issuance of tax credits, the department shall issue to the taxpayer tax credit certificates in the amount of seventy-five percent of the lesser of:
  - (a) The total amount of the tax credits for which the taxpayer is eligible as provided in the taxpayer's certification of qualified expenses submitted with an application for final approval; or
  - (b) The total amount of tax credits approved for such project under subsection 3 of this section, including any amounts approved in connection with a material change in scope of the project.
  - (3) Within one hundred twenty days of the department's receipt of all materials required by the department for an application of final approval and issuance of tax credits for a project, the department shall, unless such project is under appeal under subsection 13 of this section:
  - (a) Make a final determination of the total costs and expenses of rehabilitation and the amount of tax credits to be issued for such costs and expenses;
    - (b) Notify the taxpayer in writing of its final determination; and
- (c) Issue to the taxpayer tax credit certificates in an amount 182 equal to the remaining amount of tax credits for which such taxpayer 183 is eligible to receive, as determined by the department, but was not

184 issued in the initial tax credit issuance under subdivision (2) of this subsection.

- (4) If the department determines that the amount of tax credits issued to a taxpayer in the initial tax credit issuance under subdivision (2) of this subsection is in excess of the total amount of tax credits such taxpayer is eligible to receive, as determined by the department, the department shall notify such taxpayer and such taxpayer shall repay the department an amount equal to such excess.
- (5) For financial institutions credits authorized pursuant to sections 253.550 to [253.561] 253.559 shall be deemed to be economic development credits for purposes of section 148.064. The approval of all applications and the issuing of certificates of eligible credits to taxpayers shall be performed by the department of economic development. The department of economic development shall inform a taxpayer of final approval by letter and shall issue, to the taxpayer, tax credit certificates. The taxpayer shall attach the certificate to all Missouri income tax returns on which the credit is claimed.
- 10. Except as expressly provided in this subsection, tax credit certificates shall be issued in the final year that costs and expenses of rehabilitation of the project are incurred, or within the twelve-month period immediately following the conclusion of such rehabilitation. In the event the amount of eligible rehabilitation costs and expenses incurred by a taxpayer would result in the issuance of an amount of tax credits in excess of the amount provided under such taxpayer's approval granted under subsection 4 of this section, such taxpayer may apply to the department for issuance of tax credits in an amount equal to such excess. Applications for issuance of tax credits in excess of the amount provided under a taxpayer's application shall be made on a form prescribed by the department. Such applications shall be subject to all provisions regarding priority provided under subsection 1 of this section.
- 212 11. The department of economic development shall determine, on an 213 annual basis, the overall economic impact to the state from the rehabilitation of 214 eligible property.
- 12. (1) An applicant or an applicant's duly authorized representative may appeal any official decision, including all preliminary or final approvals and denials of approvals, made by the department or the department of natural resources with regard to an application submitted under sections 253.544 to 253.559, to an

independent third-party appeals officer designated by the department. Such appeals shall constitute an administrative review of the decision from which appealed and shall not be conducted as an adjudicative proceeding.

- (2) Appeals shall be submitted to the designated appeals officer in writing within thirty days of receipt by the applicant or the applicant's duly authorized representative of the decision that is the subject of the appeal, and shall include all information the appellant wishes the appeals officer to consider in deciding the appeal.
- (3) Within fourteen days of receipt of an appeal, the appeals officer shall notify the department or the department of natural resources that an appeal is pending, identify the decision being appealed, and forward a copy of the information submitted by the appellant. The department or the department of natural resources may submit a written response to the appeal within thirty days.
- (4) The appellant shall be entitled to one meeting with the appeals officer to discuss the appeal, but the appeals officer may schedule additional meetings at the officer's discretion. The department or the department of natural resources may appear at all meetings.
- (5) The appeals officer shall consider the record of the decision in question, any further written submissions by the appellant, the department or the department of natural resources, and other available information, and shall deliver a written decision to all parties as promptly as circumstances permit, but not later than ninety days after the initial receipt of an appeal by the appeals officer.

620.1900. 1. The department of economic development may charge a fee to the recipient of any tax credits issued by the department, in an amount up to two and one-half percent of the amount of tax credits issued, or for tax credits issued under sections 253.545 to 253.559 in an amount equal to four percent of the amount of tax credits issued. The fee shall be paid by the recipient upon the issuance of the tax credits. However, no fee shall be charged for the tax credits issued under section 135.460, or section 208.770, or under sections 32.100 to 32.125, if issued for community services, crime prevention, education, job training, or physical revitalization.

2. (1) All fees received by the department of economic development under this section shall be deposited solely to the credit of the economic development

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12 advancement fund, created under subsection 3 of this section.

- 13 (2) [Thirty-seven and one-half percent of the revenue derived from the four percent fee charged on tax credits issued under sections 253.545 to 253.559 14 shall be appropriated from the economic development advancement fund for 15 business recruitment and marketing The provisions of subdivision (1) of 16 this subsection notwithstanding, the fees received by the department 17 of economic development from the four percent fee charged on tax 18 credits issued under sections 253.544 to 253.559 shall be distributed as 19 20 follows:
  - (a) Thirty-seven and one-half percent of such revenue shall be deposited in the economic development advancement fund and shall be appropriated for business recruitment and marketing;
  - (b) Twenty-five percent of such revenue shall be appropriated to the department of economic development for the administration of the provisions of sections 253.544 to 253.559;
  - (c) Twenty-five percent of such revenue shall be appropriated to the department of natural resources for the administration of the provisions of sections 253.544 to 253.559; and
  - (d) Twelve and one-half percent of such revenue shall be deposited in the economic development advancement fund for the purposes described in subsection 5 of this section.
- 33 3. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Economic Development Advancement Fund", which shall consist of money collected under 34 35 this section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 36 30.180. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall be used solely for the 37 administration of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 38 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium 39 shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer 41 shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are 42invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. 43
- 4. Such fund shall consist of any fees charged under subsection 1 of this 45 section, any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal, 46 private, or other sources, fees or administrative charges from private activity 47 bond allocations, moneys transferred or paid to the department in return for

48 goods or services provided by the department, and any appropriations to the fund.

5. At least fifty percent of the fees and other moneys deposited in the fund shall be appropriated for marketing, technical assistance, and training, contracts for specialized economic development services, and new initiatives and pilot programming to address economic trends. The remainder may be appropriated toward the costs of staffing and operating expenses for the program activities of the department of economic development, and for accountability functions.

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