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AN ACT

To repeal sections 8.007, 253.545, 253.550, 253.557, and 253.559, 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 8.007, 253.545, 253.550, 253.557, and 253.559, RSMo,

2 are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections

3 8.007, 253.544, 253.545, 253.550, 253.557, and 253.559, to read as follows:

8.007. 1. The commission shall:

2 (1) Exercise general supervision of the administration of sections 8.001 to3 8.007;

4 (2) Evaluate and approve capitol studies and improvement, expansion, 5 renovation, and restoration projects to be paid for with funds appropriated from 6 the state capitol commission fund;

7 (3) Evaluate and recommend courses of action on the restoration and 8 preservation of the capitol, the preservation of historical significance of the 9 capitol and the history of the capitol;

10 (4) Evaluate and recommend courses of action to ensure accessibility to11 the capitol for physically disabled persons;

12 (5) Advise, consult, and cooperate with the office of administration, the 13 archives division of the office of the secretary of state, the historic preservation 14 program within the department of natural resources, the division of tourism 15 within the department of economic development and the historical society of 16 Missouri in furtherance of the purposes of sections 8.001 to 8.007;

17 (6) Be authorized to cooperate or collaborate with other state agencies and18 not-for-profit organizations to publish books and manuals concerning the history

19 of the capitol, its improvement or restoration;

20 (7) Before each September first, recommend options to the governor on 21 budget allocation for improvements or restoration of the capitol premises;

(8) Encourage, participate in, or conduct studies, investigations, and
research and demonstrations relating to improvement and restoration of the state
capitol it may deem advisable and necessary for the discharge of its duties
pursuant to sections 8.001 to 8.007;

26 (9) Hold hearings, issue notices of hearings and take testimony as the 27 commission deems necessary; and

(10) Initiate planning efforts, subject to the appropriation of funds, for acentennial celebration of the laying of the capstone of the Missouri state capitol.

2. The "State Capitol Commission Fund" is hereby created in the state
treasury. For the following fiscal years, the general assembly may
appropriate moneys to the fund not to exceed the following amounts:

(1) For the fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, and
ending on or before June 30, 2019, five million dollars;

35 (2) For the fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2019, and 36 ending on or before June 30, 2020, ten million dollars;

37 (3) For the fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2020, and
38 ending on or before June 30, 2022, twenty million dollars;

(4) For the fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2022, and
ending on or before June 30, 2023, ten million dollars;

41 (5) For the fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023, and 42 ending on or before June 30, 2024, five million dollars.

Any moneys received from sources other than appropriation by the general 43assembly, including from private sources, gifts, donations and grants, shall be 44 credited to the state capitol commission fund and shall be appropriated by the 4546 general assembly. The amount by which any funds appropriated for the 47state capitol commission fund under subdivisions (1) to (5) of this 48 subsection exceed the amount of moneys received from other sources 49 as of March first of a given fiscal year shall be included in the total amount of tax credits which may be authorized under sections 253.545 50to 253.559 for such fiscal year. 51

52 3. The provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary notwithstanding, 53 moneys in the [second] state capitol commission fund shall not be transferred 54 and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund. Moneys in the state capitol commission fund shall not be appropriated for any purpose other than thosedesignated by the commission.

574. The commission is authorized to accept all gifts, bequests and donations from any source whatsoever. The commission may also apply for and receive 58grants consistent with the purposes of sections 8.001 to 8.007. All such gifts, 59bequests, donations and grants shall be used or expended upon appropriation in 60 accordance with their terms or stipulations, and the gifts, bequests, donations or 61 grants may be used or expended for the preservation, improvement, expansion, 62 renovation, restoration and improved accessibility and for promoting the 63 64 historical significance of the capitol.

65 5. The commission may copyright or obtain a trademark for any 66 photograph, written work, art object, or any product created of the capitol or 67 capitol grounds. The commission may grant access or use of any such works to 68 other organizations or individuals for a fee, at its sole discretion, or waive all 69 fees. All funds obtained through licensing fees shall be credited to the capitol 70commission fund in a manner similar to funds the commission receives as gifts, 71donations, and grants. The funds shall be used for repairs, refurbishing, or to create art, exhibits, decorations, or other beautifications or adornments to the 7273 capitol or its grounds.

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, fifty
5 percent or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less;

6 (b) For residential projects approved for tax credits under 7 subsection 3 of section 253.550, twenty-five percent or fifty thousand 8 dollars, whichever is less;

9 (c) For projects located in a qualifying county that are not 10 essential community or heritage facility projects or residential projects 11 approved under subsection 3 of section 253.550, thirty-five percent;

(d) For projects located in a qualifying county that are not
essential community or heritage facility projects or residential projects
approved under subsection 3 of section 253.550, and that also receive

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15 tax credits under sections 135.350 to 135.363, twenty-five percent;

(e) For projects not located in a qualifying county that are not
 essential community or heritage facility projects or residential projects

18 approved under subsection 3 of section 253.550, twenty-five percent;

(2) "Certified historic structure", a property located in Missouri and listed
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;

(4) "Department", the department of economic development;
[(3)] (5) "Eligible property", property located in Missouri and offered or
used for residential or business purposes;

27 (6) "Eligible recipient":

(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;

(b) For all other projects, any individual taxpayer or for-profit
 entity incurring expenses in connection with an eligible property.

33 (7) "Essential community or heritage facility", any structure
34 located in a qualifying county that:

(a) Is significant in the history, architecture, archeology, or
culture of this state or its communities, as designated by the governing
body of the qualifying 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

43 (c) Has at least one hundred thousand dollars in estimated 44 eligible costs and expenses to be incurred in the rehabilitation of such 45 structure, or, in the case of a leased property used to promote or 46 educate patrons on the history, architecture, archeology, or culture of 47 this state or its communities, as designated by the governing body of 48 the qualifying county, fifty thousand dollars in estimated eligible costs 49 and expenses to be incurred in the rehabilitation of such structure;

50 [(4)] (8) "Leasehold interest", a lease in an eligible property for a term 51 of not less than thirty years;

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52 [(5)] (9) "Principal", a managing partner, general partner, or president 53 of a taxpayer;

(10) "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, such standards shall only apply to the structure exterior, including windows, and the structure site;

61 (11) "Qualifying county", any county of this state except counties
62 of the first class with a charter form of government;

[(6)] (12) "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;

[(7)] (13) "Taxpayer", any person, firm, partnership, trust, estate, limited
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 $\mathbf{2}$ heritage facility, certified historic structure, or structure in a certified historic 3 district, [may] shall, subject to the provisions of this section and section 253.559, 4 receive a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapters 143 and 148. 5 6 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 78 of rehabilitation incurred after January 1, 1998, which shall include, but not be limited to, qualified rehabilitation expenditures as defined under section 9 47(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the related 10 11 regulations thereunder, provided the rehabilitation costs associated with rehabilitation and the expenses exceed fifty percent of the total basis in the 12property and the rehabilitation meets [standards consistent with] the qualified 13rehabilitation standards [of the Secretary of the United States Department of 14 the Interior for rehabilitation as determined by the state historic preservation 15officer of the Missouri department of natural resources]. 16

17 2. (1) During the period beginning on January 1, 2010, but ending on or 18 after June 30, 2010, the department of economic development shall not approve

applications for tax credits under the provisions of subsections 3 and 8 of section 19 20253.559 which, in the aggregate, exceed seventy million dollars, increased by any 21amount of tax credits for which approval shall be rescinded under the provisions 22of section 253.559. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2010, the 23department of economic development shall not approve applications for tax credits under the provisions of subsections 3 and 8 of section 253.559 which, in the 24aggregate, exceed one hundred forty million dollars, increased by any amount of 25tax credits for which approval shall be rescinded under the provisions of section 2627253.559. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018, the maximum amount of tax credits allowed in any fiscal year as provided 28under this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the percentage 2930 increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or its 31successor index, as such index is defined and officially reported by the 32United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency. The 33 director of the department of economic development shall annually publish such adjusted amount. The limitations provided under this 34subsection shall not apply to applications approved under the provisions of 35subsection 3 of section 253.559 for projects to receive less than two hundred 36 seventy-five thousand dollars in tax credits. 37

(2) For all fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2018, and
ending on or before June 30, 2024, the maximum amount of tax credits
that may be authorized under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be
reduced by the amounts provided under subdivisions (1) to (5) of
subsection 2 of section 8.007.

43 (3) Of the total amount of tax credits that may be authorized 44under subdivision (1) of this subsection, ten million dollars shall be reserved for essential community or heritage facility projects, provided 45that no qualifying county shall have more than two such projects 46 authorized in a fiscal year, and further provided that no such project 47shall receive an authorization for tax credits other than from the 48 49 amount reserved under this subdivision. Any amount of tax credits reserved under this subdivision which are not authorized by March 5051thirty-first of a fiscal year shall no longer stand reserved and may be 52authorized for any project under sections 253.544 to 253.559. In the event the department receives and approves applications for essential 53community or heritage facility projects in an amount in excess of the 54

55available amount reserved under this subdivision, such excess approvals shall be subject to the procedures set forth in subsection 5 5657of section 253.559.

583. (1) For all applications for tax credits approved on or after January 1, 2010, and on or before June 30, 2018, no more than two hundred fifty 59thousand dollars in tax credits may be issued for eligible costs and expenses 60 incurred in the rehabilitation of an eligible property which is a nonincome 61 producing single-family, [owner-occupied] residential property occupied by the 62 taxpayer applicant or any relative within the third degree of 63 consanguinity or affinity of such applicant and is either a certified historic 64 structure or a structure in a certified historic district. 65

66 (2) For all applications for tax credits approved on or after July 67 1, 2018, tax credits in amount equal to the applicable percentage may 68 be issued for eligible costs and expenses incurred in the rehabilitation 69 of an eligible property which is a nonincome producing single-family, 70residential property occupied by the taxpayer applicant or any relative within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity of such applicant 7172and is either a certified historic structure or a structure in a certified historic district. For projects not located in a qualifying county, tax 73 74credits shall not be issued under this subsection unless such project is located in a distressed community, as defined under section 135.530. 75

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4. The limitations on tax credit authorization provided under the 77provisions of subsections 2 and 3 of this section shall not apply to:

78(1) Any application submitted by a taxpayer, which has received approval 79from the department prior to January 1, 2010; or

80 (2) Any taxpayer applying for tax credits, provided under this section, which, on or before January 1, 2010, has filed an application with the department 81 82 evidencing that such taxpayer:

83 (a) Has incurred costs and expenses for an eligible property which exceed 84 the lesser of five percent of the total project costs or one million dollars and 85 received an approved Part I from the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior; or 86

87 (b) Has received certification, by the state historic preservation officer, that the rehabilitation plan meets the qualified rehabilitation standards 88 [consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department 89 of the Interior, and the rehabilitation costs and expenses associated with such 90

91 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, 2018, 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 4 be carried back to any of the three preceding years and carried forward for credit 5 against the taxes imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and chapter 148, except for 6 sections 143.191 to 143.265 for the succeeding ten years, or until the full credit 7 is used, whichever occurs first. For all applications for tax credits 8 approved on or after July 1, 2018, if the amount of such credit exceeds 9 the total tax liability for the year in which the rehabilitated property 10 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 13forward for credit against the taxes imposed under chapters 143 and 148, except for sections 143.191 to 143.265, for the succeeding five years, 14or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first. Not-for-profit 1516 entities, including but not limited to corporations organized as not-for-profit corporations pursuant to chapter 355 shall be [ineligible] eligible for the tax 17credits authorized under sections 253.545 [through 253.561] to 253.559 only if 18 such tax credits are approved for essential community or heritage 19 facility projects. Taxpayers eligible for such tax credits may transfer, sell or 20assign the credits. Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company 2122taxed as a partnership or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to 23the partners, members or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an executed 24agreement among the partners, members or owners documenting an alternate 25distribution method.

262. 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 2728of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to chapter 143 and chapter 148, 29except for sections 143.191 to 143.265. The assignor shall perfect such transfer by notifying the department of economic development in writing within thirty 30 calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any 3132information as may be required by the department of economic development to 33 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 department of economic development. Each application for approval, including
any applications received for supplemental allocations of tax credits as provided
under subsection 8 of this section, shall be prioritized for review and approval,
in the order of the date on which the application was postmarked, with the oldest
postmarked date receiving priority. Applications postmarked on the same day
shall go through a lottery process to determine the order in which such
applications shall be reviewed.

2. Each application shall be reviewed by the department of economic
development for approval. In order to receive approval, an application, other
than applications submitted under the provisions of subsection 8 of this section,
shall include:

(1) Proof of ownership or site control. Proof of ownership shall include
evidence that the taxpayer is the fee simple owner of the eligible property, such
as a warranty deed or a closing statement. Proof of site control may be evidenced
by a leasehold interest or an option to acquire such an interest. If the taxpayer
is in the process of acquiring fee simple ownership, proof of site control shall
include an executed sales contract or an executed option to purchase the eligible
property;

(2) Floor plans of the existing structure, architectural plans, and, where
applicable, plans of the proposed alterations to the structure, as well as proposed
additions;

(3) The estimated cost of rehabilitation, the anticipated total costs of the
project, the actual basis of the property, as shown by proof of actual acquisition
costs, the anticipated total labor costs, the estimated project start date, and the
estimated project completion date;

(4) Proof that the property is an eligible property and a designated
essential community or heritage facility, a certified historic structure, or a
structure in a certified historic district; and

(5) Any other information which the department of economic development
may reasonably require to review the project for approval.

33 Only the property for which a property address is provided in the application 34 shall be reviewed for approval. Once selected for review, a taxpayer shall not be 35 permitted to request the review of another property for approval in the place of 36 the property contained in such application. Any disapproved application shall be 37 removed from the review process. If an application is removed from the review 38 process, the department of economic development shall notify the taxpayer in 39 writing of the decision to remove such application. Disapproved applications 40 shall lose priority in the review process. A disapproved application, which is 41 removed from the review process, may be resubmitted, but shall be deemed to be 42 a new submission for purposes of the priority procedures described in this section.

43 3. If the department of economic development deems the application 44 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 45amount of tax credits previously approved. Such approvals shall be granted to 46 47applications in the order of priority established under this section and shall 48 require full compliance thereafter with all other requirements of law as a 49 condition to any claim for such credits. If the scope of a project for which 50an application has been approved under this section materially 51changes, then the taxpayer shall be eligible to receive additional tax 52credits 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 53section 253.550 and subsection 5 of this section, if applicable. A change 54in project scope shall be considered material under this subsection if: 55(1) The project has not previously been subject to a material 56

57 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.

61 4. Following approval of an application, the identity of the taxpayer62 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.
5. 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

75with all other approvals, the amount available or reserved, as applicable, 76 under subsection 2 of section 253.550 is exhausted, all taxpayers with applications then awaiting approval or thereafter submitted for approval shall be 77 notified by the department of economic development that no additional approvals 78shall be granted during the fiscal year and shall be notified of the priority given 79to such taxpayer's application then awaiting approval. Such applications shall 80 be kept on file by the department of economic development and shall be 81 82 considered for approval for tax credits in the order established in this section in 83 the event that additional credits become available due to the rescission of 84 approvals or when a new fiscal year's allocation of credits becomes available for 85 approval or reservation, as applicable.

86 6. All taxpayers with applications receiving approval on or after the 87 effective date of this act shall commence rehabilitation within [two years] eighteen months of the date of issuance of the letter from the department of 88 89 economic development granting the approval for tax credits. "Commencement of 90 rehabilitation" shall mean that as of the date in which actual physical work, 91 contemplated by the architectural plans submitted with the application, has begun, the taxpayer has incurred no less than [ten] twenty percent of the 9293 estimated costs of rehabilitation provided in the application. Taxpayers with approval of a project shall submit evidence of compliance with the provisions of 94 95 this subsection. Taxpayers shall notify the department of any loss of site control, or failure to exercise any option to obtain site control within 96 97 the prescribed time period, within ten days of such failure. If the 98 department of economic development determines that a taxpayer has lost or failed to obtain site control of the eligible property or otherwise failed 99 100 to comply with the requirements provided under this section, the approval for the 101 amount of tax credits for such taxpayer shall be rescinded [and such amount of 102 tax credits]. A taxpayer may voluntarily forfeit such approval at any time by written notice to the department. Any approval rescinded or 103 104forfeited under this subsection shall then be included in the total amount of 105 tax credits available in the year of such rescission or forfeiture, provided 106 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 107 108 forfeited under this section shall be notified of such from the department of 109 economic development and, upon receipt of such notice, may submit a new application for the project. If a taxpayer's approval is rescinded or 110

111 forfeited under this subsection and such taxpayer later submits a new 112 application for the same project, any expenditures eligible for tax 113 credits under section 253.550 which are incurred by such taxpayer from 114 and after the date of the rescinded or forfeited approval shall remain 115 eligible expenditures for the purposes of determining the amount of tax 116 credits which may be approved under section 253.550.

1177. (1) To claim the credit authorized under sections 253.550 to 253.559, 118 a taxpayer with approval shall apply for final approval and issuance of tax credits 119 from the department of economic development which, in consultation with the 120 department of natural resources, shall determine the final amount of eligible 121rehabilitation costs and expenses and whether the completed rehabilitation meets 122the qualified rehabilitation standards [of the Secretary of the United States 123Department of the Interior for rehabilitation] as determined by the state historic 124preservation officer of the Missouri department of natural resources.

(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 year 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 11 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
equal to the remaining amount of tax credits for which such taxpayer
is eligible to receive, as determined by the department, but was not
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.

154(5) For financial institutions credits authorized pursuant to sections 253.550 to [253.561] 253.559 shall be deemed to be economic development credits 155for purposes of section 148.064. The approval of all applications and the issuing 156 of certificates of eligible credits to taxpayers shall be performed by the 157158department of economic development. The department of economic development 159shall inform a taxpayer of final approval by letter and shall issue, to the 160 taxpayer, tax credit certificates. The taxpayer shall attach the certificate to all 161 Missouri income tax returns on which the credit is claimed.

162 8. (1) Except as expressly provided in this subsection, tax credit 163 certificates shall be issued in the final year that costs and expenses of 164rehabilitation of the project are incurred, or within the twelve-month period immediately following the conclusion of such rehabilitation. In the event the 165amount of eligible rehabilitation costs and expenses incurred by a taxpayer would 166 result in the issuance of an amount of tax credits in excess of the amount 167 provided under such taxpayer's approval granted under subsection 3 of this 168section, such taxpayer may apply to the department for issuance of tax credits in 169 170 an amount equal to such excess. Applications for issuance of tax credits in excess 171of the amount provided under a taxpayer's application shall be made on a form 172prescribed by the department. Such applications shall be subject to all provisions 173regarding priority provided under subsection 1 of this section.

(2) The provisions of section 620.1900 to the contrary
notwithstanding, upon issuance of tax credits under sections 253.544 to
253.559, a taxpayer shall remit a fee:

(a) In the amount of two percent of the value of the tax credits
to the department to be deposited in the economic development
advancement fund;

(b) In the amount of one-quarter of one percent of the value of
the tax credits to the department for the administration of sections
253.545 to 253.559; and

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(c) In the amount of one-quarter of one percent of the value of

184 the tax credits to the department of natural resources.

9. The department of economic development shall determine, on an annual
basis, the overall economic impact to the state from the rehabilitation of eligible
property.

188 10. Projects not located in a qualifying county shall not receive 189 tax credits under sections 253.545 to 253.559 and sections 135.350 to 190 135.363 for the same project.

191 11. (1) An applicant or an applicant's duly authorized 192representative may appeal any official decision, including all preliminary or final approvals and denials of approvals, made by the 193 department or the department of natural resources with regard to an 194 application submitted under sections 253.544 to 253.559, to an 195independent third-party appeals officer designated by the 196department. Such appeals shall constitute an administrative review of 197the decision from which appealed and shall not be conducted as an 198 199 adjudicative proceeding.

(2) (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 221 the initial receipt of an appeal by the appeals officer.

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