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**HOUSE BILL 26-1268**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING MEASURES TO ADVANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**  
102                    **ON PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED LANDS THROUGH THE DESIGNATION**  
103                    **OF RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREAS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill authorizes a local government with permitting authority over land uses (local government) to designate one or more areas within the jurisdiction of the local government as renewable energy reinvestment areas for the siting of renewable energy and energy storage system projects (eligible projects). In designating an area as a renewable

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energy reinvestment area, the local government must hold at least one public hearing, engage in outreach of disproportionately impacted communities, and ensure that an eligible project may be permitted and constructed pursuant to an administrative approval process based solely on the eligible project's compliance with objective standards.

If an eligible project is sited in a renewable energy reinvestment area, an urban renewal authority or county revitalization authority (tax increment financing authority) may distribute tax revenue to finance any public infrastructure needed for the eligible project in a manner consistent with the tax increment financing authority's governing statutes.

**Section 1** requires a utility to respond to a request made by a local government or an eligible project developer for interconnection information regarding the proposed site of an eligible project within 30 days after the request is made.

**Section 2** requires the Colorado energy office to consolidate, publish on its website, and periodically update information and resources concerning the process for siting, permitting, and developing eligible projects in renewable energy reinvestment areas.

**Sections 3 and 4** make conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 5 to article  
3 20 of title 29 as follows:

4 **PART 5**

5 **SITING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

6 **29-20-501. Definitions.**

7 **AS USED IN THIS PART 5, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE**  
8 **REQUIRES:**

9 (1) **"BROWNFIELD SITE"** HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
10 30-31-103 (3).

11 (2) **"BRUNOT AGREEMENT"** MEANS THE AGREEMENT OF  
12 SEPTEMBER 13, 1873, RATIFIED BY ACT OF APRIL 29, 1874, CH. 136, 18  
13 STAT. 36 (1874).

14 (3) **"BRUNOT AREA"** MEANS THE LAND RELINQUISHED AND

1 CONVEYED BY THE CONFEDERATED BANDS OF THE UTE NATION TO THE  
2 UNITED STATES IN THE BRUNOT AGREEMENT AND UPON WHICH THE  
3 UNITED STATES AGREED TO PERMIT THE UTE INDIANS TO HUNT "SO LONG  
4 AS THE GAME LASTS AND THE INDIANS ARE AT PEACE WITH THE WHITE  
5 PEOPLE."

6 (4) "CLOSED LANDFILL" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
7 30-20-124 (1)(c).

8 (5) "DEVELOPER" MEANS A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING  
9 AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT.

10 (6) "ELIGIBLE PROJECT" MEANS UNDERTAKINGS AND ACTIVITIES  
11 RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY OR ENERGY  
12 STORAGE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH UNDERTAKINGS AND  
13 ACTIVITIES ARE RELATED TO AN ELIGIBLE SITE AND MAY INCLUDE  
14 ACQUISITION OF LAND AND OTHER PROPERTY; DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL  
15 OF BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS; SITE PREPARATION, CLEANUP, AND  
16 REMEDIATION; AND INSTALLATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY OR ENERGY  
17 STORAGE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE.

18 (7) "ELIGIBLE SITE" MEANS:

19 (a) A BROWNFIELD SITE;

20 (b) MINING OPERATION AFFECTED LAND AND MINING OPERATION  
21 AFFECTED LAND FOR WHICH THE LIFE OF THE MINE HAS BEEN TERMINATED;

22 (c) A CLOSED LANDFILL;

23 (d) LAND AFFECTED BY AN OIL AND GAS OPERATION FOR WHICH  
24 ALL OIL AND GAS INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BEEN DECOMMISSIONED AND THE  
25 SITE IS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL RECLAMATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
26 DIRECTOR OF THE ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
27 UNDER THE "ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT ACT", ARTICLE 60 OF

1 TITLE 34; OR  
2 (e) LAND THAT IS:  
3 (I) DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
4 PROTECTION AGENCY UNDER THE FEDERAL "COMPREHENSIVE  
5 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT OF  
6 1980", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 9601 ET SEQ.;  
7 (II) DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 PROTECTION AGENCY UNDER THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE  
9 FEDERAL "RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 1976", 42  
10 U.S.C. SEC. 6901 ET SEQ.; OR  
11 (III) REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
12 ENVIRONMENT UNDER THE "VOLUNTARY CLEAN-UP AND  
13 REDEVELOPMENT ACT", PART 3 OF ARTICLE 16 OF TITLE 25.  
14 (8) "ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
15 SECTION 40-2-130 (2)(a).  
16 (9) "LIFE OF THE MINE":  
17 (a) WITH RESPECT TO A MINING OPERATION FOR THE EXTRACTION  
18 OF MINERALS, HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 34-32-103 (6); OR  
19 (b) WITH RESPECT TO A MINING OPERATION FOR THE EXTRACTION  
20 OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
21 34-32.5-103 (11).  
22 (10) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A STATUTORY OR HOME RULE  
23 CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, OR CITY AND COUNTY.  
24 (11) "LOCAL PERMITTING ENTITY" MEANS THE GOVERNING BODY  
25 OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR AN AGENCY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH  
26 PERMITTING AUTHORITY OVER LAND USES.  
27 (12) "MINING OPERATION AFFECTED LAND AND MINING OPERATION

1 AFFECTED LAND FOR WHICH THE LIFE OF THE MINE HAS BEEN  
2 TERMINATED":

3 (a) WITH RESPECT TO A MINING OPERATION FOR THE EXTRACTION  
4 OF MINERALS, HAS THE SAME MEANING AS "AFFECTED LAND" AS DEFINED  
5 IN SECTION 34-32-103 (1.5); OR

6 (b) WITH RESPECT TO A MINING OPERATION FOR THE EXTRACTION  
7 OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, HAS THE SAME MEANING AS "AFFECTED  
8 LAND" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 34-32.5-103 (1).

9 (13) (a) "RENEWABLE ENERGY" MEANS USEFUL ELECTRIC,  
10 THERMAL, OR MECHANICAL ENERGY:

11 (I) THAT IS:

12 (A) CONVERTED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM RESOURCES OF  
13 CONTINUOUS ENERGY FLOW; OR

14 (B) PERPETUALLY REPLENISHED; AND

15 (II) THE UTILIZATION OF WHICH IS SUSTAINABLE INDEFINITELY.

16 (b) "RENEWABLE ENERGY" INCLUDES SOLAR, WIND, AND  
17 GEOTHERMAL ENERGY.

18 (14) "RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA" MEANS ONE OR  
19 MORE ELIGIBLE SITES THAT A LOCAL PERMITTING ENTITY DESIGNATES AS  
20 AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR THE SITING OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND  
21 FOR WHICH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PROJECT MAY BE FINANCED OR  
22 REIMBURSED THROUGH TAX INCREMENT REVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION  
23 30-31-109 OR 31-25-107.

24 (15) (a) "UTILITY" MEANS AN ELECTRIC UTILITY IN THE STATE.

25 (b) "UTILITY" INCLUDES:

26 (I) AN INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY;

27 (II) A COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION FORMED PURSUANT

1 TO ARTICLE 9.5 OF TITLE 40;

2 (III) A MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY; AND

3 (IV) A WHOLESALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AS DEFINED IN  
4 SECTION 40-2-136 (3)(c).

5 **29-20-502. Renewable energy reinvestment areas - designation**  
6 **by a local permitting entity - consultation with tribal governments.**

7 (1) (a) A LOCAL PERMITTING ENTITY MAY DESIGNATE ONE OR  
8 MORE ELIGIBLE SITES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
9 REINVESTMENT AREA FOR THE SITING OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.

10 (b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, TO  
11 DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE SITES AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
12 REINVESTMENT AREA, A LOCAL PERMITTING ENTITY MUST:

13 (I) COMPILE AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE RELEVANT  
14 DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING THAT THE SITE IS AN ELIGIBLE SITE;

15 (II) CONSULT WITH THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
16 CREATED IN SECTION 33-9-104 (1) REGARDING THE WILDLIFE AND HABITAT  
17 IMPACTS OF CONSTRUCTING ELIGIBLE PROJECTS ON THE SITE, INCLUDING  
18 IMPACTS TO STATE AND FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES AND SPECIES AND  
19 HABITATS OF CONSERVATION CONCERN;

20 (III) (A) HOLD ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE  
21 DESIGNATION OF THE SITE OR SITES AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
22 REINVESTMENT AREA AND HOLD ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS  
23 REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS REQUIRED  
24 FOR EACH PROPOSED ELIGIBLE PROJECT IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY  
25 REINVESTMENT AREA; OR

26 (B) DESIGNATE THE ELIGIBLE SITE OR SITES AS PART OF A NEW  
27 URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OR A SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING

1 URBAN RENEWAL PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-25-107 OR AS PART OF  
2 A NEW COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN OR A SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION  
3 TO AN EXISTING COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION  
4 30-31-109; AND

5 (IV) ENSURE THAT OUTREACH TO AND ENGAGEMENT OF  
6 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES REGARDING THE  
7 DESIGNATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA WITHIN THE  
8 JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL PERMITTING ENTITY INCLUDES COMMUNITY  
9 MEETINGS THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE PROCESS SET  
10 FORTH IN SECTION 24-4-109 (3) REGARDING THE DESIGNATION.

11 (2) A LOCAL PERMITTING ENTITY SHALL NOT DESIGNATE AN  
12 ELIGIBLE SITE:

13 (a) WITHIN THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE RESERVATION AS A  
14 RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA UNLESS THE LOCAL  
15 GOVERNMENT FIRST CONSULTS WITH THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OF THE  
16 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE; AND

17 (b) WITHIN THE BRUNOT AREA AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
18 REINVESTMENT AREA UNLESS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FIRST CONSULTS  
19 WITH THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE AND  
20 THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE CONCERNING THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS  
21 TO HUNTING, FISHING, AND GATHERING RIGHTS RELATED TO DESIGNATION  
22 OF THE ELIGIBLE SITE.

23 **29-20-503. Information for siting eligible projects in**  
24 **renewable energy reinvestment areas - requests from local**  
25 **governments or developers.**

26 UPON A REQUEST BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR A DEVELOPER FOR  
27 INFORMATION REGARDING THE DESIGNATED RENEWABLE ENERGY

1 REINVESTMENT AREA, A UTILITY SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE THE REQUEST  
2 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE REQUEST IS MADE AND PROVIDE THE  
3 REQUESTOR READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

4 **29-20-504. Saving clause.** NOTHING IN THIS PART 5 SHALL BE  
5 CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR  
6 EXPANSION OF AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT IN A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
7 REINVESTMENT AREA IF THE PROJECT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PROHIBITED  
8 OR DISALLOWED UNDER APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 STATUTES, RULES, OR REGULATIONS, INCLUDING STATUTES, RULES, OR  
10 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT,  
11 REMEDIATION, OR REUSE OF A BROWNFIELD SITE.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 24-38.5-126** as  
13 follows:

14 **24-38.5-126. Development guidance for renewable energy**  
15 **development in renewable energy reinvestment areas - definition.**

16 (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027, THE COLORADO ENERGY  
17 OFFICE SHALL:

18 (a) PUBLISH ON THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE'S WEBSITE AN  
19 OUTLINE OF THE GENERAL PROCESS FOR SITING, PERMITTING, AND  
20 DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY  
21 REINVESTMENT AREAS; AND

22 (b) CONSOLIDATE RELEVANT TECHNICAL AND INFORMATIONAL  
23 RESOURCES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN RENEWABLE  
24 ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREAS.

25 (2) THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE SHALL PERIODICALLY REVIEW  
26 AND UPDATE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)  
27 OF THIS SECTION ON THE OFFICE'S WEBSITE.

1 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
2 REQUIRES, "RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA" HAS THE MEANING  
3 SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-20-501 (14).

4 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-25-103, **add** (3.6)  
5 and (6.3) as follows:

6 **31-25-103. Definitions.**

7 As used in this part 1, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (3.6) "ELIGIBLE PROJECT" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
9 SECTION 29-20-501 (6).

10 (6.3) "RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA" HAS THE  
11 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-20-501 (14).

12 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-25-105, **amend**  
13 (1)(l); and **add** (1)(m) as follows:

14 **31-25-105. Powers of an authority.**

15 (1) Every authority has all the powers necessary or convenient to  
16 carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part 1,  
17 including, but not limited to, the following powers in addition to others  
18 granted in this part 1:

19 (l) To rent or to provide by any other means suitable quarters for  
20 the use of the authority or to accept the use of such quarters as may be  
21 furnished by the municipality or any other public body, and to equip such  
22 quarters with such furniture, furnishings, equipment, records, and  
23 supplies as the authority may deem necessary to enable it to exercise its  
24 powers under this part 1; AND

25 (m) PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-25-107 (9)(a)(II), TO AUTHORIZE  
26 THE DISTRIBUTION OF TAX INCREMENT REVENUE TO FINANCE COSTS  
27 NEEDED FOR ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS SITED IN A RENEWABLE

1 ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA.

2 SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-25-107, add  
3 (1)(c)(IV), (7.3), and (9)(j) as follows:

4 31-25-107. Approval of urban renewal plans by local  
5 governing body - renewable energy reinvestment areas - definitions.

6 (1) (c) (IV) AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OR A SUBSTANTIAL  
7 MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING URBAN RENEWAL PLAN APPROVED  
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE:

9 (A) A MAP DEPICTING THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY RENEWABLE  
10 ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA INCLUDED IN THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OR  
11 SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION; AND

12 (B) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ELIGIBLE  
13 PROJECT COSTS TO BE FINANCED OR REIMBURSED WITH TAX INCREMENT  
14 REVENUE WITHIN EACH RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA  
15 INCLUDED IN THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OR SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION.

16 (7.3) AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OR A SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION  
17 TO AN EXISTING URBAN RENEWAL PLAN MAY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE  
18 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
19 REINVESTMENT AREA REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE RENEWABLE ENERGY  
20 REINVESTMENT AREA IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE  
21 BOUNDARIES OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

22 (9) (j) (I) A RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA INCLUDED  
23 IN AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
24 DEEMED PART OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA FOR ALL PURPOSES SET  
25 FORTH IN THIS PART 1.

26 (II) AN URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY MAY USE TAX INCREMENT  
27 REVENUE GENERATED FROM ANY PORTION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA

1 APPROVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO FINANCE OR REIMBURSE COSTS  
2 INCURRED TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PROJECTS WITHIN THE URBAN  
3 RENEWAL AREA, INCLUDING WITHIN A RENEWABLE ENERGY  
4 REINVESTMENT AREA INCLUDED IN THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

5 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-31-103, **add** (9.5)  
6 and (13.5) as follows:

7 **30-31-103. Definitions.**

8 As used in this article 31, unless the context otherwise requires:

9 (9.5) "ELIGIBLE PROJECT" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN  
10 SECTION 29-20-501 (6).

11 (13.5) "RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA" HAS THE  
12 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-20-501 (14).

13 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-31-105, **add** (5)  
14 as follows:

15 **30-31-105. Powers of an authority.**

16 (5) PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-31-109 (13)(a)(II), AN AUTHORITY  
17 MAY DISTRIBUTE TAX INCREMENT REVENUE TO FINANCE COSTS INCURRED  
18 TO CARRY OUT ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS SITED IN A RENEWABLE  
19 ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA.

20 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-31-109, **amend**  
21 (1)(d); and **add** (1)(c)(IV) and (13)(j) as follows:

22 **30-31-109. Approval of county revitalization plans by local**  
23 **governing body - renewable energy reinvestment areas - definitions.**

24 (1) (c) (IV) A COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN OR A SUBSTANTIAL  
25 MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN MAY  
26 INCLUDE ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS LOCATED WITHIN A  
27 RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE

1 RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IS  
2 CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY REVITALIZATION AREA.

3 (d) (I) A county revitalization plan that is approved or  
4 substantially modified must include a legal description of the county  
5 revitalization area, including the legal description of any agricultural land  
6 proposed for inclusion within the county revitalization area pursuant to  
7 subsection (1)(c)(II) of this section.

8 (II) A COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN OR A SUBSTANTIAL  
9 MODIFICATION TO AN EXISTING COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN APPROVED  
10 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE:

11 (A) A MAP DEPICTING THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY RENEWABLE  
12 ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY REVITALIZATION  
13 PLAN OR SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION; AND

14 (B) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ELIGIBLE  
15 PROJECT COSTS TO BE FINANCED OR REIMBURSED WITH TAX INCREMENT  
16 REVENUE WITHIN EACH RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA  
17 INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN OR SUBSTANTIAL  
18 MODIFICATION.

19 (13)(j)(I) A RENEWABLE ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA INCLUDED  
20 IN A COUNTY REVITALIZATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
21 DEEMED PART OF THE COUNTY REVITALIZATION AREA FOR ALL PURPOSES  
22 SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE 31.

23 (II) A COUNTY REVITALIZATION AUTHORITY MAY USE TAX  
24 INCREMENT REVENUE GENERATED FROM ANY PORTION OF THE COUNTY  
25 REVITALIZATION AREA APPROVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO FINANCE  
26 OR REIMBURSE COSTS INCURRED TO CARRY OUT ELIGIBLE PROJECTS WITHIN  
27 THE COUNTY REVITALIZATION AREA, INCLUDING WITHIN A RENEWABLE

1 ENERGY REINVESTMENT AREA INCLUDED IN THE COUNTY REVITALIZATION  
2 AREA.

3 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
6 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
11 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.