



Dissolution Authority

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Re: Required technical change to Public Act 23-170 to correct an incorrect date regarding the MIRA Dissolution Authority – time sensitive.

On behalf of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the MIRA Dissolution Authority (the “Authority”) I am writing to bring your attention to a significant technical flaw in Public Act 23-170 which, if uncorrected in the upcoming Special Session, will severely impact the Authority's ability to prepare the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to assume all of the Authority's assets, duties and obligations - including all of its contractual agreements, per the legislature's direction. The Authority will additionally be compelled to focus prematurely on executing the separation of Authority employees. Left uncorrected, these changes would have to occur within the next 3 or so months, and therefore materially impact everything presently underway, greatly impeding the orderly transition as required by statute.

The issue is as follows: Section 13(i) of Public Act 23-170 states that the Authority terminates on July 1, 2026; however, section 25 of the Act mistakenly repeals all of the Authority's statutes one year prematurely, on July 1, 2025. Further under Section 15, the DAS becomes the Authority's successor agency as of July 1, 2025. It is necessary to correct this technical error so that all dates are aligned to July 1, 2026. Of note, this timeline was also modified by Public Act 24-151 this past session, specifying July 1, 2026 as the date for purposes of requesting reimbursement of tip fee stabilization funds.

The tasks assigned to MIRA cannot be accomplished if the Authority continues to exist until 2026, but its statutes are repealed by July 1, 2025. Correcting all dates to July 1, 2026 (the original legislative intent, which received bi-partisan approval and support) will allow for a proper transition. Only with an alignment of dates to July 1, 2026 will this transition be able to succeed in the manner contemplated by the General Assembly and in a way beneficial to the municipalities, with fewer burdens passed to DAS.

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Attached for your convenience in Appendix A are the bill changes we request be adopted in the upcoming Special Session as necessary to align all Authority sunset dates to July 1, 2026 as noted above.

Let me know if you have any questions or require further information. We recognize the legislature's understandable reluctance to add items to a special session agenda and would not make this request at this time if there was some other way forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bert Hunter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bert Hunter
Chairperson

Attachment – Appendix A

APPENDIX A

AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO PA 23-170

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 9(c) of Public Act 23-170 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

(c) The authority and any other state agency may enter into one or more memoranda of understanding that will facilitate the authority's purposes, powers and responsibilities under chapter 446e of the general statutes and subsection (a) of this section, provided any such memorandum of understanding shall terminate as of [June 30, 2025] July 1, 2026.

Section 2. Section 15 of Public Act 23-170 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

Effective July 1, 2026, [T]he Department of Administrative Services shall constitute a successor agency to the MIRA Dissolution Authority in accordance with the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, and subsection (f) of section 4-38d and section 4-38e of the general statutes.

Section 3. Section 25 of Public Act 23-170 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective upon passage*):

Sections 22a-260 to 22a-284, inclusive, of the general statutes and sections 8 and 9 of this act are repealed effective July 1, 2026.