



HOUSE BILL No. 5968

September 27, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Pappageorge and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A bill to amend 1943 PA 202, entitled
"Municipal finance act,"
(MCL 131.1 to 139.3) by adding section 10 to chapter 5.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER 5

SEC. 10. IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY PLEDGES
ANY PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND ISSUES
ANY BOND OTHER THAN A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OR A REVENUE BOND
UNDER THIS ACT, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL PUBLISH A NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ISSUE THE BONDS. THE NOTICE OF INTENT SHALL BE DIRECTED TO
THE ELECTORS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPA-
PER THAT HAS GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY, AND SHALL
STATE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED, THE PURPOSE OF
THE BONDS, THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT, THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM ON THE
BONDS, AND OTHER INFORMATION THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES

1 NECESSARY TO ADEQUATELY INFORM THE ELECTORS OF THE NATURE OF THE
2 ISSUE. THE NOTICE OF INTENT SHALL ALSO STATE WHAT PORTION OF THE
3 GENERAL FUND REVENUES OF THE MUNICIPALITY WILL BE USED TO BACK
4 THE BONDS AND SHALL STATE ANY LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF GENERAL
5 FUND REVENUE. THE NOTICE OF INTENT SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN 1/4
6 PAGE IN SIZE IN THE NEWSPAPER. IF WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THE PUB-
7 LICATION OF THE NOTICE OF INTENT A PETITION, SIGNED BY NOT LESS
8 THAN 10% OR 15,000 OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS, WHICHEVER IS LESS,
9 RESIDING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY, IS FILED WITH THE GOVERNING
10 BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY, REQUESTING A REFERENDUM UPON THE QUES-
11 TION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS, THEN THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE
12 ISSUED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS
13 OF THE MUNICIPALITY QUALIFIED TO VOTE AND VOTING ON THE BONDS AT
14 A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION. A SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR
15 THIS PURPOSE SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN A STATUTORY OR CHARTER LIM-
16 ITATION AS TO THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE CALLED WITHIN
17 A PERIOD OF TIME. SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION SHALL BE VERIFIED
18 BY A PERSON UNDER OATH, AS THE ACTUAL SIGNATURES OF THE PERSONS
19 WHOSE NAMES ARE SIGNED TO THE PETITION, AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF
20 THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWER TO REJECT SIGNATURES
21 AND PETITIONS AS CITY CLERKS UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE HOME RULE
22 CITY ACT, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.25. THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED
23 ELECTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING
24 BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY.