SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 29

A bill relative to the borrowing of money and the issuance of certain debt and securities; to provide for tax levies and sinking funds; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments, state agencies, officials, and employees; to impose certain duties, requirements, and filing fees upon political subdivisions of this state; to authorize the issuance of certain debt and securities; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 PART I
- 2 DEFINITIONS
- 3 Sec. 101. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 4 "revised municipal finance act".
- 5 Sec. 103. As used in this act:

- 1 (a) "Assessed value", "assessed valuation", "valuation as
- 2 assessed", and "valuation as shown by the last preceding tax
- 3 assessment roll", or similar terms, used in this act, any stat-
- 4 ute, or charter as a basis for computing limitations upon the
- 5 taxing or borrowing power of any municipality, mean the state
- 6 equalized valuation as determined under the general property tax
- 7 act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.
- **8** (b) "Chief administrative officer" means that term as
- 9 defined in section 2b of the uniform budgeting and accounting
- 10 act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.422b.
- 11 (c) "Debt" means all borrowed money, loans, and other
- 12 indebtedness, including principal and interest, evidenced by
- 13 bonds, obligations, refunding obligations, notes, contracts,
- 14 securities, refunding securities, municipal securities, or cer-
- 15 tificates of indebtedness that are lawfully issued or assumed, in
- 16 whole or in part, by a municipality, or will be evidenced by a
- 17 judgment or decree against the municipality.
- 18 (d) "Debt retirement fund" means a segregated account or
- 19 group of accounts used to account for the payment of, interest
- 20 on, or principal and interest on a municipal security.
- 21 (e) "Deficit" means a situation for any fund of a municipal-
- 22 ity in which, at the end of a fiscal year, total expenditures,
- 23 including an accrued deficit, exceeded total revenues for the
- 24 fiscal year, including any surplus carried forward.
- (f) "Department" means the department of treasury.

- 1 (g) "Fiscal year" means a 12-month period fixed by statute,
- 2 charter, or ordinance, or if not so fixed, then as determined by
- 3 the department.
- 4 (h) "Governing body" means the county board of commissioners
- 5 of a county; the township board of a township; the council,
- 6 common council, or commission of a city; the council, commission,
- 7 or board of trustees of a village; the board of education or dis-
- 8 trict board of a school district; the board of an intermediate
- 9 school district; the board of a public school academy; the board
- 10 of trustees of a community college district; the county drain
- 11 commissioner or drainage board of a drainage district; the board
- 12 of the district library; the legislative body of a metropolitan
- 13 district; the port commission of a port district; and, in the
- 14 case of another governmental authority or agency, that official
- 15 or official body having general governing powers over the author-
- 16 ity or agency.
- 17 (i) "Municipal security" means a security that when issued
- 18 was not exempt from this act or the municipal finance act, 1943
- 19 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, by the provisions of this act or by
- 20 the provisions of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL
- 21 131.1 to 139.3, or by the provisions of the law authorizing its
- 22 issuance and that is payable from or secured by any of the
- 23 following:
- 24 (i) Ad valorem real and personal property taxes.
- (ii) Special assessments.
- 26 (iii) The limited or unlimited full faith and credit pledge
- **27** of the municipality.

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- 1 (iv) Other sources of revenue described in this act for debt2 or securities authorized by this act.
- 3 (j) "Municipality" means a county, township, city, village,
- 4 school district, intermediate school district, public school
- 5 academy, community college district, metropolitan district, port
- 6 district, drainage district, district library, or another govern-
- 7 mental authority or agency in this state that has the power to
- 8 issue a security. Municipality does not include this state or
- 9 any authority, agency, fund, commission, board, or department of
- 10 this state.
- 11 (k) "Outstanding security" means a security that has been
- 12 issued, but not defeased or repaid, including a security that
- 13 when issued was exempt from this act or the municipal finance
- 14 act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, by the provisions of this
- 15 act or by the provisions of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA
- 16 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, or by the provisions of the law autho-
- 17 rizing its issuance.
- 18 (l) "Qualified status" means a municipality that has filed a
- 19 qualifying statement under section 303 and has been determined by
- 20 the department to be qualified to issue municipal securities
- 21 without further approval by the department.
- 22 (m) "Refunding security" means a municipal security issued
- 23 to refund an outstanding security.
- (n) "Security" means an evidence of debt such as a bond,
- 25 note, contract, obligation, refunding obligation, certificate of
- 26 indebtedness, or other similar instrument issued by a

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- 1 municipality, which pledges payment of the debt by the
- 2 municipality from an identified source of revenue.
- 3 (o) "Sinking fund" means a fund for the payment of principal

- 4 only of a mandatory redemption security.
- 5 (p) "Taxable value" means the taxable value of the property
- 6 as determined under section 27a of the general property tax act,
- 7 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.
- 8 Sec. 105. A municipal security does not include any of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (a) A contract for the purchase of real or personal
- 11 property.
- 12 (b) A contract for the lease of real or personal property
- 13 with or without an option to purchase.
- 14 (c) A contract, lease, note, or other security given in con-
- 15 nection with a contract described in subdivision (a) or (b).
- 16 (d) A security that is evidence of an emergency loan under
- 17 section 1 of 1855 PA 105, MCL 21.141, in conjunction with the
- 18 emergency municipal loan act, 1980 PA 243, MCL 141.931 to
- 19 141.942, or qualified agricultural loans under section 2a of 1855
- 20 PA 105, MCL 21.142a.
- 21 (e) A mortgage secured by real property and its correspond-
- 22 ing security to the extent secured by the mortgage.
- 23 PART II
- 24 POWERS
- 25 Sec. 201. The department is authorized and directed to pro-
- 26 tect the credit of this state and its municipalities, and to

1 enforce the provisions of this act, and has the following general
2 powers:

- 3 (a) To aid, advise, and consult with any municipality with
 4 respect to fiscal questions arising from and relating to its pro5 posed or outstanding securities.
- 6 (b) To issue bulletins or adopt rules as necessary to carry
 7 out the purposes of this act. A bulletin issued under this sub8 division shall include a statement of the department's specific
 9 statutory authority for any substantive requirement contained
 10 within the bulletin. A rule adopted under this subdivision shall
- 11 be adopted in accordance with the provisions of the administra-12 tive procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
- (c) To examine the books and records of any municipality for the purpose of ascertaining if the municipality is complying with the requirements of the department, the statutes of this state,
- 16 and its charter, ordinances, and resolutions, in relation to its
- 17 municipal securities. For those purposes, it may require sworn
- 18 statements from any officer or employee of the municipality or
- 19 may require the municipality to furnish it with a statement of
 20 its financial condition. The department has full power in fur-
- 21 therance of its investigations to examine witnesses under oath
- 22 and compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony,
- 23 and the production of books, papers, and records. Witnesses may
- 24 be summoned by the department by its process upon the payment of
- 25 the same fees as are allowed to witnesses attending in the cir-
- 26 cuit court of the county in which the hearing is held. Any
- 27 person duly subpoenaed under this section who neglects to attend

- 1 or testify at the place named in the subpoena, served for that
- 2 purpose, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 3 (d) To enforce compliance with any provision of this act or
- 4 with any provisions of any law, charter, ordinance, or resolution
- 5 with respect to debts or securities subject to its jurisdiction,
- 6 including the levy and collection of taxes and the segregation,
- 7 safekeeping, investment, and application of money for the payment
- 8 of debt. The department may institute appropriate proceedings in
- 9 the courts of this state, including those for a writ of mandamus
- 10 and injunctive relief.
- 11 (e) To render financial advisory, paying agent, registra-
- 12 tion, and transfer services and materials, including assistance
- 13 in the preparation and issuance of a municipality's municipal
- 14 securities; prepare explanatory manuals; conduct training semi-
- 15 nars; and, upon request of the municipality, assist a municipal-
- 16 ity in issuing its municipal securities under this act. The
- 17 department may impose a fee upon municipalities requesting its
- 18 services or materials, which fee shall be limited to the cost
- 19 incurred by the department in providing the service. The paying
- 20 agent, registration, and transfer services authorized by this
- 21 subdivision, if requested by a municipality, shall be performed
- 22 solely by the department with respect to the requesting
- 23 municipalities.
- 24 Sec. 203. If a municipality feels aggrieved by a determina-
- 25 tion of the department, it may notify the department and appeal
- 26 the determination of the department as a contested case pursuant
- 27 to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,

- 1 MCL 24.201 to 24.328. This section does not permit the issuance,
- 2 amendment, or modification of any order or determination of the
- 3 department in respect to the issuance of a municipal security,
- 4 after the municipal security has been issued, if that action
- 5 would affect the municipal security interests of the holders of
- 6 the municipal security adversely.
- 7 PART III
- 8 GENERAL
- 9 Sec. 301. A municipality shall not issue a municipal secur-
- 10 ity except in accordance with this act.
- 11 Sec. 303. (1) Each municipality shall file an audit report
- 12 annually with the department within 6 months from the end of its
- 13 fiscal year or as otherwise provided in the uniform budgeting and
- 14 accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a.
- 15 (2) Accompanying the audit report described in subsection
- 16 (1), a municipality shall file a qualifying statement, on a form
- 17 and in the manner provided by the department, which shall be cer-
- 18 tified by the chief administrative officer. Within 30 business
- 19 days of the receipt of the qualifying statement, the department
- 20 shall determine if the municipality complies with the require-
- 21 ments of subsection (3). If the department determines that the
- 22 municipality complies with the provisions of subsection (3) or if
- 23 the department fails to notify the municipality of its determina-
- 24 tion under this subsection within 30 business days of receipt of
- 25 the qualifying statement, the municipality may proceed to issue
- 26 municipal securities under this act without further approval from
- 27 the department until 30 business days after the next qualifying

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- 1 statement is due or a new determination is made by the
- 2 department, whichever occurs first.
- 3 (3) To qualify to issue municipal securities without further
- 4 approval from the department, the municipality shall be in mate-
- 5 rial compliance with all of the following requirements, as deter-
- 6 mined by the department:
- 7 (a) The municipality is not operating under the provisions
- 8 of the local government fiscal responsibility act, 1990 PA 72,
- **9** MCL 141.1201 to 141.1291.
- 10 (b) The municipality did not issue securities in the immedi-
- 11 ately preceding 5 fiscal years or current fiscal year that were
- 12 authorized by either the emergency municipal loan act, 1980 PA
- 13 243, MCL 141.931 to 141.942, other than a security issued for a
- 14 loan authorized under section 3(2)(a) of the emergency municipal
- 15 loan act, 1980 PA 243, MCL 141.933, or the fiscal stabilization
- 16 act, 1981 PA 80, MCL 141.1001 to 141.1011.
- 17 (c) The municipality was not required by the terms of a
- 18 court order or judgment other than an order or judgment entered in U.S.. et al v Citv of Detroit. et al. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, docket no. 77-71100, to levy a tax in the preceding fiscal
- **19** year.
- 20 (d) The most recent audit report, as required by the uniform
- 21 budget and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a,
- 22 was filed with the department within 6 months from the end of the
- 23 fiscal year of the municipality.
- 24 (e) The debt retirement fund balance for any municipal
- 25 security that is funded from an unlimited tax levy does not
- 26 exceed 150% of the amount required for principal and interest

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- 1 payments due for that municipal security in the next fiscal
- 2 year.
- 3 (f) The municipality is not currently exceeding its statu-

- 4 tory or constitutional debt limits.
- 5 (g) The municipality has no outstanding securities that were
- 6 not authorized by statute.
- 7 (h) The municipality is not currently and during the preced-
- 8 ing fiscal year was not in violation of any provisions in the
- 9 covenants for an outstanding security.
- 10 (i) The municipality was not delinquent more than 1 time in
- 11 the preceding fiscal year in transferring employee taxes withheld
- 12 to the appropriate agency, transferring taxes collected as agent
- 13 for another taxing entity to that taxing unit, or making all
- 14 required pension, retirement, or benefit plan contributions.
- 15 (j) The most recent delinquent property taxes of the munici-
- 16 pality, without regard to payments received from the county under
- 17 the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157,
- 18 did not exceed 15% of the amount levied.
- 19 (k) The municipality did not submit a qualifying statement
- 20 or an application for any other municipal security in the preced-
- 21 ing 12 months that was materially false or incorrect.
- 22 (l) The municipality is not in default on the payment of any
- 23 debt, excluding industrial development revenue bonds issued under
- 24 the industrial development revenue bond act of 1963, 1963 PA 62,
- 25 MCL 125.1251 to 125.1267, economic development corporation bonds
- 26 issued under the economic development corporations act, 1974 PA
- **27** 338, MCL 125.1601 to 125.1636, bonds issued by a local hospital

- 1 finance authority for a private hospital under the hospital
- 2 finance authority act, 1969 PA 38, MCL 331.31 to 331.84, or any

- 3 other debt for which the municipality is not financially liable.
- 4 (m) The municipality did not end the immediately preceding
- 5 fiscal year with a deficit in any fund, unless the municipality
- 6 has filed a financial plan to correct that deficit condition
- 7 under section 21 of the Glen Steil state revenue sharing act of
- 8 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.921, that is acceptable to the
- 9 department.
- 10 (n) The municipality has not been found by a court of compe-
- 11 tent jurisdiction to be in violation of any finance or
- 12 tax-related state or federal statutes during the preceding fiscal
- **13** year.
- 14 (o) The municipality has not been determined by the depart-
- 15 ment to be in violation of this act during the preceding fiscal
- **16** year.
- 17 (p) The municipality did not issue a refunding security in
- 18 the preceding fiscal year to avoid a potential default on an out-
- 19 standing security.
- 20 (4) If a municipality is notified within 30 business days of
- 21 the filing of the qualifying statement that it does not comply
- 22 with 1 or more of the requirements of subsection (3), the munici-
- 23 pality may correct the noncompliant requirements and request a
- 24 reconsideration of the determination from the department as pro-
- 25 vided in subsection (5).
- 26 (5) A municipality may request a reconsideration of the
- 27 determination from the department. That request shall indicate

- 1 the requirements that the department determined the municipality
- 2 to be not in compliance with and the action taken by the munici-
- 3 pality to correct the noncompliance. Within 30 business days of
- 4 the receipt of the request for reconsideration, the department
- 5 shall determine if the municipality complies with the require-
- 6 ments of subsection (3) or, if the department fails to notify the
- 7 municipality of its determination under this subsection within 30
- 8 business days of receipt of the request for reconsideration, the
- 9 municipality will be granted qualified status.
- 10 (6) If a municipality is notified within 30 business days
- 11 after filing a request for reconsideration that it does not
- 12 comply with the requirements of subsection (3), the municipality
- 13 shall not issue municipal securities under this act without the
- 14 prior written approval of the department to issue a municipal
- 15 security as provided in subsections (7) and (8).
- 16 (7) If a municipality has not been granted qualified status,
- 17 the municipality must obtain, for each municipal security, the
- 18 prior written approval of the department to issue a municipal
- 19 security. To request prior written approval to issue a municipal
- 20 security, the municipality shall submit an application and sup-
- 21 porting documentation to the department on a form and in a manner
- 22 prescribed by the department, which shall be certified by the
- 23 chief administrative officer. A filing fee equal to 0.03% of the
- 24 principal amount of the municipal security to be issued, but not
- 25 less than \$800.00 and not greater than \$2,000.00 as determined by
- 26 the department, shall accompany each application. If the
- 27 qualifying statement required by section 303(2) was received by

- 1 the department more than 6 months after the end of the
- 2 municipality's fiscal year, a late fee of \$100.00 shall accompany
- 3 the first application filed after that date. Within 30 business
- 4 days of receiving an application, the fee, and supporting docu-
- 5 mentation from a municipality, the department shall make a deter-
- 6 mination whether the municipality has met all of the following
- 7 requirements:
- 8 (a) Has indicated the authority to issue the municipal
- 9 security requested.
- 10 (b) Is projected to be able to repay the municipal security
- 11 when due.
- 12 (c) Has filed information with the department indicating
- 13 compliance with the requirements of subsection (3) or adequately
- 14 addressed any noncompliance with subsection (3) as determined by
- 15 the department.
- 16 (d) If required by the department, has obtained an invest-
- 17 ment grade rating for the municipal security or has purchased
- 18 insurance for payment of the principal and interest on the munic-
- 19 ipal security to the holders of the municipal security, or has
- 20 otherwise enhanced the creditworthiness of the municipal
- 21 security.
- 22 (8) If the department determines that the requirements in
- 23 subsection (7) have been met, the department shall approve the
- 24 issuance of the proposed municipal security. If the department
- 25 determines that the requirements in subsection (7) have not been
- 26 met, the department shall issue a notice of deficiency to the
- 27 municipality that prevents the issuance of the proposed municipal

- 1 security. The notice of deficiency shall state the specific
- 2 deficiencies and problems with the proposed issuance. After the
- 3 deficiencies and problems have been addressed as determined by
- 4 the department, the department shall approve the issuance of the
- 5 proposed municipal security.
- 6 (9) This state or any state authority, agency, fund, commis-
- 7 sion, board, or department of this state is not required to
- 8 obtain approval under this section before issuing securities or
- 9 required to file any qualifying or audit reports under this
- 10 section.
- 11 (10) A state authority, agency, fund, commission, board, or
- 12 department of this state that is required to obtain approval or
- 13 an exception from prior approval from the department under the
- 14 municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, shall
- 15 instead file a statement with the department of intent to issue a
- 16 security on a form prescribed by the department. Within 10 days
- 17 of receipt of that statement, the department shall issue that
- 18 authority, agency, fund, commission, board, or department an
- 19 order granting exception from prior approval. If the department
- 20 fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection, the
- 21 state authority, agency, fund, commission, board, or department
- 22 of this state shall be considered to have obtained any required
- 23 approval or exception from prior approval.
- 24 (11) A determination by the department that a municipality
- 25 has been granted qualified status constitutes an order granting
- 26 exception from prior approval under the municipal finance act,

- 1 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, of that municipality's
- 2 securities.
- 3 Sec. 305. (1) A municipal security authorized by law to be
- 4 issued by a municipality may, notwithstanding the provisions of a
- 5 charter, bear no interest as provided in this section or a rate
- 6 of interest not to exceed a maximum rate established by the gov-
- 7 erning body of the issuing municipality as set forth in its reso-
- 8 lution or ordinance authorizing the issuance of the municipal
- 9 security, which rate shall not exceed 18% per annum or a per
- 10 annum rate determined by the department at the request of the
- 11 municipality, whichever is higher. In making its determination,
- 12 the department shall establish a rate that shall bear a reason-
- 13 able relationship to 80% of the adjusted prime rate determined by
- 14 the department under section 23 of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.23.
- 15 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the rate determined
- 16 by the department shall be conclusive as to the maximum rate of
- 17 interest permitted for a municipal security issued under this
- **18** act.
- 19 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), a municipal secur-
- 20 ity issued under this act shall not be sold at a discount exceed-
- 21 ing 10% of the principal amount of the municipal security. The
- 22 amortization of the discount shall be considered interest and
- 23 shall be within the interest rate limitation set forth in subsec-
- 24 tion (1).
- 25 (3) A municipal security may be sold at a discount exceeding
- 26 10% of the principal amount of the municipal security only if 1

- 1 or more of the following conditions apply, as determined by the
- 2 department:
- 3 (a) The sale will result in the more even distribution for
- 4 the municipality of total debt service on proposed and outstand-
- 5 ing municipal securities.
- 6 (b) The sale will result in an interest cost savings when
- 7 compared to the best available alternative that does not include
- 8 a municipal security being sold at a discount exceeding 10% of
- 9 the principal amount.
- 10 (c) The issuance is based on the availability of specific
- 11 revenues previously pledged for another purpose and lawfully
- 12 available for this purpose.
- 13 (d) The municipal security is issued to this state or the
- 14 federal government to secure a loan or agreement.
- 15 (4) A municipal security issued in accordance with subsec-
- 16 tion (3)(a), (b), or (c) shall be rated investment grade by a
- 17 nationally recognized rating agency or have insurance for payment
- 18 of the principal and interest on the municipal security to the
- 19 holders of the municipal security.
- 20 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
- 21 municipal security meeting the requirements of subsection (2)
- 22 that is a refunding security shall not have a maturity that
- 23 exceeds the maturity of the existing municipal security.
- 24 (6) Not more than 25% of the total principal amount of any
- 25 authorized issue of a municipal security shall meet the qualifi-
- 26 cations under subsection (3)(a), (b), and (c).

- 1 (7) A municipal security may bear no interest if sold in
- 2 accordance with a federal program by which the holder of the
- 3 municipal security, as a result of holding the municipal securi-
- 4 ty, may declare a credit against a federal tax.
- 5 Sec. 307. Before any bulletin issued by the department can
- 6 take effect that addresses the filings, approvals, or determina-
- 7 tions under section 303, or any modification of an existing bul-
- 8 letin that addresses the filings, approvals, or determinations
- 9 under section 303, the department shall issue the bulletin or
- 10 modification as a proposed bulletin with not less than a 30-day
- 11 public comment period.
- 12 Sec. 309. (1) A municipality may sell an authorized munici-
- 13 pal security at a competitive sale or a negotiated sale as deter-
- 14 mined in the authorizing resolution. If a municipality deter-
- 15 mines to sell a municipal security at a negotiated sale, the gov-
- 16 erning body shall expressly state the method and reasons for
- 17 choosing a negotiated sale instead of a competitive sale in the
- 18 resolution or ordinance authorizing the issuance or sale of the
- 19 municipal security.
- 20 (2) If a municipality determines to sell a municipal secur-
- 21 ity at a competitive sale, the municipality shall publish a
- 22 notice of sale at least 7 days before the date set for the sale,
- 23 in a publication printed in the English language and circulated
- 24 in this state that carries as a part of its regular service the
- 25 notices of the sale of municipal securities.
- 26 (3) A municipality shall award a municipal security sold at
- 27 a competitive sale to the bidder whose bid meets all

- 1 specifications and requirements and results in the lowest
- 2 interest cost to the municipality, unless all bids are rejected.
- 3 (4) A municipality may accepts bids for the purchase of a
- 4 municipal security made in person, by mail, by facsimile, by
- 5 electronic means, or by any other means authorized by the
- 6 municipality.
- 7 Sec. 311. (1) A municipal security may be registrable as to
- 8 principal alone or as to both principal and interest under terms
- 9 and conditions determined by the governing body of the issuing
- 10 municipality.
- 11 (2) A municipality may authorize a trustee or other authen-
- 12 ticating agent to authenticate any municipal security executed by
- 13 the facsimile signatures of the officials of the municipality in
- 14 lieu of manual signatures of the officials of the issuing
- 15 municipality.
- 16 (3) Officials of a municipality may sign and seal a munici-
- 17 pal security in facsimile form if so authorized by the governing
- 18 body of the issuing municipality.
- 19 (4) If authorized by the governing body of the issuing
- 20 municipality, ownership of a municipal security may be trans-
- 21 ferred by means of a recorded entry in a record maintained by the
- 22 issuing municipality, trustee, or other agent in lieu of printing
- 23 and transferring a new municipal security. However, this subsec-
- 24 tion does not preclude a municipality from the delivery of, and a
- 25 municipality shall have the authority to deliver, new municipal
- 26 securities as evidence of the originally issued municipal
- 27 security.

- 1 (5) If an individual acting in an official capacity signs or
- 2 affixes his or her signature to a municipal security under this
- 3 act and that individual ceases to be an officer before delivery
- 4 of the municipal security, the municipal security is valid the
- 5 same as if the individual had remained in office until delivery
- 6 of that municipal security.
- 7 Sec. 313. If a municipal security has become mutilated,
- 8 then the governing body of the municipality may by resolution
- 9 provide for the issuance of a new municipal security with like
- 10 terms, in exchange for and substitution of the mutilated munici-
- 11 pal security. In all such cases the holder shall pay the reason-
- 12 able expenses and charges of such an exchange.
- 13 Sec. 315. (1) In determining to issue a municipal security,
- 14 a municipality may do 1 or more of the following:
- 15 (a) Authorize and enter into insurance contracts, agreements
- 16 for lines of credit, letters of credit, commitments to purchase
- 17 municipal securities, remarketing agreements, reimbursement
- 18 agreements, and any other transactions to enhance timely payment
- 19 of any municipal security.
- 20 (b) Authorize payment from the proceeds of the municipal
- 21 security, or from other funds available, of the cost of issuance,
- 22 including, but not limited to, fees for placement, fees or
- 23 charges for insurance, letters of credit, lines of credit, remar-
- 24 keting agreements, reimbursement agreements, or purchase or sales
- 25 agreements or commitments, or agreements to enhance timely pay-
- 26 ment of municipal securities.

- 1 (c) Authorize principal and interest to be payable from 1 or
- 2 more of the following:
- **3** (*i*) Taxes or other revenues of the municipality.
- $\mathbf{4}$ (ii) Proceeds of the municipal security.
- 5 (iii) Earnings on proceeds of the municipal security or
- 6 other funds held for payment of the municipal security.
- 7 (iv) Proceeds of any other transaction described in subdivi-
- 8 sion (a).
- **9** (d) Authorize or provide for an officer of the municipality,
- 10 but only within limitations that shall be contained in the autho-
- 11 rizing resolution of the governing body, to do 1 or more of the
- 12 following:
- 13 (i) Sell, deliver, and receive payment for the municipal
- 14 securities.
- (ii) Refund the municipal securities in accordance with part
- 16 VI of this act.
- 17 (iii) Deliver a municipal security partly to refund another
- 18 security and partly for any other authorized purposes.
- (iv) Buy the municipal security so issued at not more than
- 20 the face value of the municipal security.
- 21 (v) Approve fixed interest rates, variable interest rates,
- 22 or methods for fixing interest rates, prices, discounts, maturi-
- 23 ties, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, inter-
- 24 est payment date, redemption rights at the option of the munici-
- 25 pality or the holder, the place of delivery and payment, and
- 26 other matters and procedures necessary to complete the
- 27 transactions authorized.

- 1 (2) A municipality may provide that a municipal security
- 2 additionally secured as provided in subsection (1) may be payable
- 3 on demand or before maturity at the option of the holder only at
- 4 the time and in the manner determined by the governing body as
- 5 provided in the resolution authorizing the municipal security.
- 6 (3) The authority granted by this section may be exercised
- 7 notwithstanding any ordinance or charter provision to the
- 8 contrary.
- 9 Sec. 317. (1) For the purpose of more effectively managing
- 10 its debt service, a municipality may enter into an interest rate
- 11 exchange or swap, hedge, or similar agreement or agreements in
- 12 connection with the issuance of municipal securities or in con-
- 13 nection with its then outstanding municipal securities.
- 14 (2) In connection with entering into an interest rate
- 15 exchange or swap, hedge, or similar agreement, a municipality may
- 16 create a reserve fund for the payment of the exchange or swap,
- 17 hedge, or similar agreement.
- 18 (3) An agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall
- 19 not be included within the total debt of a municipality for any
- 20 statutory or charter debt limitation purpose and shall be payable
- 21 as a limited tax full faith and credit pledge from general funds
- 22 of the municipality or, subject to any existing contracts, from
- 23 any available money or revenue sources, including revenues that
- 24 shall be specified by the agreement, securing the municipal
- 25 security in connection with which the agreement is entered into.
- 26 Sec. 319. (1) Within 15 business days of completing the
- 27 issuance of any municipal security qualified under section

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1 303(3), the municipality, other than a state authority or agency,

- 2 shall file a copy of all of the following with the department in
- 3 a form and manner prescribed by the department:
- 4 (a) A copy of the municipal security.
- **5** (b) A proof of publication of the notice of sale, if
- 6 applicable.
- 7 (c) A copy of the award resolution or certificate of award
- 8 including a detail of the annual interest rate and call features
- 9 on the municipal security.
- 10 (d) A copy of the legal opinion regarding the legality and
- 11 tax status of the municipal security.
- 12 (e) A copy of the notice of rating of the municipal security
- 13 received from a recognized rating agency, if any.
- 14 (f) A copy of the resolution or ordinance authorizing the
- 15 issuance of the municipal security.
- 16 (q) A copy of the official statement, if any.
- 17 (h) For a refunding security, documentation indicating com-
- 18 pliance with section 611.
- 19 (i) A filing fee equaling 0.02% of the principal amount of
- 20 the municipal security issued, but in an amount not less than
- 21 \$100.00 and not greater than \$1,000.00, as determined by the
- 22 department.
- (j) If the qualifying statement required by section 303(2)
- 24 was received by the department more than 6 months after the end
- 25 of the municipality's fiscal year, a late fee of \$100.00 with the
- 26 first filing thereafter.

- 1 (k) For a municipal security issued under section 305(2),
- 2 documentation indicating compliance with section 305(2).
- 3 (2) Within 15 business days of completing the issuance of
- 4 any municipal security approved under section 303(7), the munici-

- 5 pality shall file all of the following with the department in a
- 6 form and manner prescribed by the department:
- 7 (a) A copy of the municipal security.
- 8 (b) A proof of publication of the notice of sale, if
- 9 applicable.
- 10 (c) A copy of the award resolution including a detail of the
- 11 annual interest rate and call features on the municipal
- 12 security.
- 13 (d) A copy of the legal opinion regarding the legality and
- 14 tax status of the municipal security.
- 15 (e) A copy of the notice of rating of the municipal security
- 16 received from a recognized rating agency, if any.
- 17 (f) A copy of the resolution or ordinance authorizing the
- 18 issuance of the municipal security.
- 19 (g) A copy of the official statement, if any.
- 20 (h) For a refunding security, documentation indicating com-
- 21 pliance with section 611.
- (i) For a municipal security issued under section 305(2),
- 23 documentation indicating compliance with section 305(2).
- 24 (3) Within 15 business days of completing the issuance of
- 25 any security approved under section 303(10), this state or any
- 26 authority, agency, fund, commission, board, or department of this

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1 state shall file all of the following with the department in a

- 2 form and manner prescribed by the department:
- 3 (a) A copy of the security.
- 4 (b) A proof of publication of the notice of sale, if
- 5 applicable.
- 6 (c) A copy of the award resolution including a detail of the
- 7 annual interest rate and call features on the security.
- 8 (d) A copy of the legal opinion regarding the legality and
- 9 tax status of the security.
- 10 (e) A copy of the notice of rating of the security received
- 11 from a recognized rating agency, if any.
- 12 (f) A copy of the resolution or ordinance authorizing the
- 13 issuance of the security.
- 14 (g) A copy of the official statement, if any.
- 15 (h) For a refunding security, documentation indicating com-
- 16 pliance with section 611.
- 17 (4) The failure to comply with subsection (1), (2), or (3)
- 18 does not invalidate any of the securities issued or reported
- 19 under this act.
- Sec. 321. The department may require that the filings to
- 21 the department required by this act be filed in an electronic
- 22 format prescribed by the department.
- 23 Sec. 323. Except as provided in section 305(4), a rating is
- 24 not required for a municipal security that may be issued without
- 25 approval of the department as provided in section 303(3).

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1 PART IV

- 2 SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL SECURITIES
- 3 Sec. 401. A municipality may, by resolution of its govern-
- 4 ing body, and without a vote of the electors, issue short-term
- 5 municipal securities in anticipation of and payable from taxes to
- 6 be collected by the municipality for its then next succeeding
- 7 fiscal year or the taxes for a current fiscal year, or if the
- 8 taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year and the taxes for the
- 9 current fiscal year are both levied in the same calendar year,
- 10 then in anticipation of and payable from the collection of both
- 11 of the taxes.
- 12 Sec. 403. (1) If a municipality issues a municipal security
- 13 in anticipation of the collection of the taxes for the next suc-
- 14 ceeding fiscal year, the resolution authorizing a municipal
- 15 security shall contain an irrevocable provision for the levying
- 16 of a tax in the next succeeding fiscal year for the purpose for
- 17 which the municipal security is to be made and the repayment of
- 18 the municipal security from the receipt of taxes.
- 19 (2) A municipality may issue the short-term municipal secur-
- 20 ity described in subsection (1) to pay for operating
- 21 expenditures. As used in this section, "operating expenditures"
- 22 means 1 or more of the following:
- 23 (a) Necessary operating expenditures of the municipality
- 24 that could not reasonably have been foreseen and adequately pro-
- 25 vided for in the tax levy for the then current fiscal year.

- 1 (b) Payment of an expenditure in the then current fiscal
- 2 year that cannot be funded because of a delay in or failure of
- 3 receipt of budgeted revenue.
- 4 (c) Payment of budgeted expenditures in the then current
- 5 fiscal year that precede budgeted revenues.
- 6 (3) The amount of the municipal securities issued under this
- 7 section to pay operating expenditures shall not exceed 50% of the
- 8 operating tax levy for the current fiscal year, or if the operat-
- 9 ing tax levy for the next succeeding fiscal year is determined,
- 10 then 50% of the levy for the next succeeding fiscal year. The
- 11 authorizing resolution shall provide that from the first collec-
- 12 tions of the operating taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year,
- 13 there shall be set aside in a special fund to be used for the
- 14 payment of principal and interest on the tax anticipation munici-
- 15 pal security, a portion of each dollar that is not less than 125%
- 16 of the percentage that the principal amount of the municipal
- 17 security bears to the amount of the operating taxes until the
- 18 amount set aside is sufficient for the payment. If a municipal-
- 19 ity collects its taxes in installments and issues a municipal
- 20 security in anticipation of more than 1 installment, the require-
- 21 ments of the preceding sentence shall apply to each installment
- 22 of taxes. The collection of the taxes to be set aside shall not
- 23 be used for any other purpose. If the municipality determines
- 24 that issuing municipal securities for this purpose will result in
- 25 a deficiency in the funds available to pay the necessary operat-
- 26 ing expenditures of the next succeeding fiscal year, the
- 27 municipality shall levy additional taxes in the future from

- 1 within constitutional, charter, and statutory limits to prevent a
- 2 continuation of the deficiency from year to year.
- 3 (4) A municipality may issue a short-term municipal security
- 4 described in subsection (1) to pay for 1 or more capital improve-
- 5 ments that can be legally and properly provided for in the budget
- 6 of the municipality for the fiscal year in which the municipality
- 7 issues the short-term municipal security. The principal amount
- 8 of the municipal security issued for this purpose shall not
- 9 exceed the sum set forth in the authorizing resolution to be
- 10 levied for the improvement. The authorizing resolution shall
- 11 provide that from the first collection of taxes for the next suc-
- 12 ceeding fiscal year, there shall be set aside in a special fund
- 13 to be used for the payment of principal and interest on the
- 14 short-term municipal security that percentage of the collection
- 15 that the tax levied for capital outlay bears to the total levy,
- 16 and until the amount set aside is sufficient for the payment,
- 17 collection of the taxes to be set aside shall not be used for any
- 18 other purpose.
- 19 Sec. 405. (1) A municipality may issue short-term municipal
- 20 securities in anticipation of the collection of the taxes for a
- 21 current fiscal year for the payment of 1 or more of the
- 22 following:
- 23 (a) Operating expenditures.
- 24 (b) Debt service charges.
- 25 (c) Capital improvements.
- 26 (2) If the municipality issues short-term municipal
- 27 securities described in subsection (1) to pay operating

- 1 expenditures or debt service charges, the principal amount of
- 2 that municipal security issued under this section shall not
- 3 exceed 75% of the amount of the debt service taxes, if the pro-
- 4 ceeds of the municipal security are to pay debt service charges,
- 5 or 75% of the amount of the operating taxes, if the proceeds of
- 6 the municipal security are to pay operating expenditures, as pro-
- 7 vided for in the budget of the current fiscal year and that
- 8 remain to be collected at the time the authorizing resolution is
- 9 passed. However, if the resolution is passed before the day upon
- 10 which taxes for the year become due and payable, the principal
- 11 amount of the municipal security shall not exceed 50% of the tax
- 12 levy made for debt service or operating expenditures, respective-
- 13 ly, for the preceding fiscal year.
- 14 (3) The authorizing resolution shall provide that, from the
- 15 date of the authorizing resolution, from the collection of the
- 16 taxes remaining to be collected for the current fiscal year there
- 17 shall be set aside in a special fund, to be used for the payment
- 18 of principal and interest on the short-term municipal security, a
- 19 portion of each dollar of taxes remaining to be collected for the
- 20 current fiscal year not less than 125% of the percentage that the
- 21 principal amount of the municipal security bears to the amount of
- 22 the tax levied for debt service or operating expenditures,
- 23 respectively, that remain to be collected from the date of the
- 24 authorizing resolution until the amount set aside is sufficient
- 25 for that payment. The collection of the taxes to be set aside
- 26 shall not be used for any other purpose.

1 (4) A municipality may issue short-term municipal securities

- 2 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current fiscal
- 3 year for the payment of 1 or more capital improvements that are
- 4 legally and properly provided for in the tax levy of the current
- 5 fiscal year. The principal amount of the municipal security
- 6 issued for this purpose shall not exceed the anticipated collec-
- 7 tion, based on the delinquency in collections of the levy of the
- 8 preceding fiscal year, of the sum included in the tax levy for
- 9 that purpose and remaining unpaid at the time the authorizing
- 10 resolution is passed. The authorizing resolution shall provide
- 11 that from the collections of the taxes for the current fiscal
- 12 year there shall be set aside in a special fund to be used for
- 13 the payment of principal and interest on the municipal security
- 14 that percentage of the collections that the tax levied for capi-
- 15 tal outlay bears to the total levy, and until the amount set
- 16 aside is sufficient for that payment, collection of the taxes to
- 17 be set aside shall be used for no other purpose.
- 18 (5) The principal amount outstanding of any municipal secur-
- 19 ity issued under section 403 shall be deducted from the total
- 20 principal amount of any municipal security that may be issued
- 21 under this section.
- Sec. 407. (1) A municipality may, by resolution of its gov-
- 23 erning body, and without a vote of the electors, issue short-term
- 24 municipal securities in anticipation of revenue sharing payments
- 25 under the Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA
- 26 140, MCL 141.901 to 141.921, for its next succeeding fiscal year,

- 1 or for a current fiscal year, in accordance with the provisions
- 2 of this part.
- 3 (2) When a municipality issues municipal securities in
- 4 anticipation of the receipt of revenue sharing payments under the
- 5 Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA 140,
- 6 MCL 141.901 to 141.921, for the current or next succeeding fiscal
- 7 year, the proceeds of the municipal securities shall be used only
- 8 for the payment of operating expenditures. The principal amount
- 9 of the municipal securities issued in accordance with this sec-
- 10 tion shall not exceed 50% of the total payments received in the
- 11 last preceding fiscal year of the municipality, as certified by
- 12 the department. The authorizing resolution shall provide that
- 13 from the first receipts of the payments for that fiscal year in
- 14 anticipation of which the municipality issued the municipal
- 15 security, there shall be set aside in a special fund to be used
- 16 for the payment of principal and interest on the municipal secur-
- 17 ity a portion of each dollar that is not less than 125% of the
- 18 percentage that the principal amount of the municipal security
- 19 bears to the amount of payments remaining to be collected, until
- 20 the amount set aside is sufficient for the payment of principal
- 21 and interest on the municipal security. The amount set aside
- 22 shall be used only for the payment of the principal and interest
- 23 on the municipal security until the municipal security is paid as
- 24 to both principal and interest.
- 25 Sec. 409. A municipal security issued pursuant to this part
- 26 shall bear no interest or interest at a rate not to exceed that
- 27 provided in part III and shall be payable not later than the

- 1 estimated time of collection of an amount sufficient for its
- 2 payment out of the taxes or revenues pledged for the municipal
- 3 security, as determined by the governing body of the
- 4 municipality.
- 5 Sec. 411. The money in each special fund required by this
- 6 part shall be deposited in a bank account separate from any other
- 7 money of the municipality and shall be used for no purpose other
- 8 than to retire the municipal security for which the special fund
- 9 was established.
- 10 Sec. 413. (1) A municipality may by resolution of its gov-
- 11 erning body, and without a vote of its electors, issue a
- 12 short-term municipal security in anticipation of the proceeds of
- 13 a long-term municipal security it proposes to issue, or that will
- 14 be issued in its behalf. However, if required by law, issuance
- 15 of the long-term municipal security has been approved by the
- 16 electors of the municipality or, if required by law, a notice of
- 17 intent to issue the long-term municipal security or enter into a
- 18 contract has been published and all rights of referendum relating
- 19 to the notice have expired. The municipality shall pledge for
- 20 the payment of the principal, interest, and redemption premiums,
- 21 if any, on the short-term municipal security from 1 or more of
- 22 the sources and on the terms described in section 315 and from
- 23 any of the additional sources identified in subsection (2).
- 24 (2) The municipality, in determining to issue a short-term
- 25 municipal security under this section, may authorize principal,
- 26 interest, and redemption premiums, if any, on the short-term
- 27 municipal security to be payable from and secured by a pledge of

1 the proceeds of the long-term municipal security issued to refund

- 2 the short-term municipal security.
- 3 (3) The principal amount of a short-term municipal security
- 4 issued in anticipation of the issuance of long-term municipal
- 5 securities shall not exceed 50% of the principal amount of the
- 6 proposed long-term municipal security. The municipality shall in
- 7 the resolution authorizing the short-term municipal security
- 8 declare the necessity of the short-term municipal security and
- 9 state its purpose, the principal amount of the short-term munici-
- 10 pal security to be issued, and an estimated principal payment
- 11 schedule for and an estimated or maximum average annual interest
- 12 rate on the short-term municipal security. The issuance and
- 13 delivery of the short-term municipal security shall be conclusive
- 14 as to the existence of the facts entitling the short-term munici-
- 15 pal security to be issued in the principal amount of the
- 16 short-term municipal security and shall not be subject to attack
- 17 in any proceeding. A short-term municipal security shall mature
- 18 not more than the earlier of 3 years from the date of issuance or
- 19 60 days after the expected date of issuance of the long-term
- 20 municipal security in anticipation of which it is issued and may
- 21 bear no interest or interest at a fixed or variable rate or rates
- 22 of interest per annum, subject to the limitations in section
- **23** 305.
- 24 (4) The proceeds of a short-term municipal security issued
- 25 under this section shall be used only for the purpose to which
- 26 the proceeds of the long-term municipal security may be applied,
- 27 the costs of issuance of the short-term municipal security and to

- 1 the payment of principal and interest on the short-term municipal
- 2 security.
- 3 Sec. 415. (1) A municipality may by resolution of its gov-
- 4 erning body, and without a vote of its electors, issue a
- 5 short-term municipal security in anticipation of the receipt of
- 6 grants from the United States, this state, or any agency or
- 7 instrumentality of the United States or this state and shall
- 8 pledge for the payment of the principal, interest, and redemption
- 9 premiums, if any, on that municipal security from 1 or more of
- 10 the sources and on the terms described in section 315 and from
- 11 any of the additional sources identified in subsection (2).
- 12 (2) The municipality that issues a short-term municipal
- 13 security under this section may pledge the proceeds of federal or
- 14 state grants for the payment of the interest and redemption pre-
- 15 miums, if any, on the municipal security.
- 16 (3) The principal amount of a municipal security issued
- 17 under this section shall not exceed 50% of the amount remaining
- 18 to be received by the municipality that is not still subject to
- 19 an appropriation from the granting agency under a written con-
- 20 tract from that granting agency that has been accepted by resolu-
- 21 tion by the municipality. The issuance and delivery of the
- 22 municipal security shall be conclusive evidence of the facts
- 23 entitling the municipality to issue the municipal security in the
- 24 principal amount issued and shall not be subject to attack in any
- 25 proceeding. The pledge of 100% of the funds the municipality
- 26 expects to receive from the granting agency may be secured by a
- 27 direct transfer of the committed funds from the granting agency

- 1 to a trustee or the Michigan municipal bond authority, if the
- 2 municipal security is sold to the Michigan municipal bond author-
- 3 ity, that is authorized to receive the funds by the authorizing
- 4 resolution adopted by the municipality. The municipal security
- 5 issued under this section shall mature not more than the earlier
- 6 of 18 months from the date of issuance or 6 months after the
- 7 expected date of receipt of grant proceeds and may bear no inter-
- 8 est or interest at a fixed or variable rate or rates of interest
- 9 per annum, subject to the limitations of section 305.
- 10 (4) The proceeds of the municipal security issued under this
- 11 section shall be used only for the purpose to which the proceeds
- 12 of the grant may be applied, the costs of issuance of the munici-
- 13 pal security, and the payment of principal and interest on the
- 14 municipal security.
- 15 PART V
- 16 LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL SECURITIES
- 17 Sec. 501. (1) Except as otherwise provided for by law, or
- 18 as otherwise provided in part VI, a municipal security issued by
- 19 a municipality under this act shall not mature later than the
- 20 estimated period of usefulness of the property or improvement for
- 21 which the municipal security is issued.
- 22 (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), a
- 23 municipal security shall not mature later than the following time
- 24 periods:
- 25 (a) A municipal security issued in anticipation of special
- 26 assessments shall mature no later than 2 years after the time

- 1 fixed by law for the payment of the last installment of the
- 2 assessments from which the municipal security is payable.
- 3 (b) A municipal security issued to meet an emergency for
- 4 relief from fire, flood, or other calamity shall mature no later

- 5 than 5 years after the date of issuance.
- 6 (c) A municipal security issued to pay judgments against the
- 7 municipality, except judgments in condemnation proceedings, and
- 8 municipal securities issued for the purchase of personal proper-
- 9 ty, other than material for permanent construction, machinery for
- 10 public utilities, or original furnishings and equipment of new
- 11 buildings, shall mature no later than 10 years after the date of
- 12 issuance.
- 13 (d) All other municipal securities shall mature no later
- 14 than 30 years after the date of issuance.
- 15 Sec. 503. (1) Municipal securities of a single issue may
- 16 mature serially or be subject to mandatory redemptions, or both,
- 17 with maturities as fixed by the governing body of the
- 18 municipality. In any case, the first maturity or mandatory
- 19 redemption date shall occur not later than 5 years after the date
- 20 of issuance, and the total principal amount maturing or subject
- 21 to mandatory redemption in any year after 4 years from the date
- 22 of issuance shall not be less than 1/5 of the total principal
- 23 amount maturing or subject to mandatory redemption in any subse-
- 24 quent year.
- 25 (2) In the resolution authorizing the issuance of a munici-
- 26 pal security, the governing body of the municipality may provide
- 27 that the municipality may purchase municipal securities in the

1 open market at a price not greater than that payable on the next

- 2 redemption date in order to satisfy all or part of the next suc-
- 3 ceeding scheduled mandatory redemption.
- 4 (3) The governing body of the municipality may provide that
- 5 some or all of the principal amounts maturing in any year may be
- 6 redeemed at the option of the municipality at the times, on the
- 7 terms and conditions, and at the price as provided by resolution
- 8 of the governing body, except that a municipality shall not agree
- 9 to pay a premium exceeding 3% of the principal amount being
- 10 redeemed.
- 11 (4) All outstanding and authorized municipal securities of a
- 12 school district payable out of taxes may be treated as a single
- 13 issue for the purpose of fixing maturities. Several series of
- 14 municipal securities issued under the same authorization may be
- 15 treated as a single issue for the purpose of fixing maturities.
- 16 Sec. 505. The total amount of municipal securities secured
- 17 by special assessments and pledging the limited tax full faith
- 18 and credit of the municipality shall at no time by reason of
- 19 future issues, other than issues of refunding securities, exceed
- 20 12% of the assessed value of the taxable property in the
- 21 municipality. A municipality shall not issue municipal securi-
- 22 ties secured by special assessments in any calendar year in an
- 23 amount greater than 3% of the assessed value of the municipality
- 24 unless authorized by majority vote of the electors or by a larger
- 25 vote as may be provided by statute or charter.
- Sec. 507. A municipality issuing a municipal security in
- 27 anticipation of special assessments may, notwithstanding any

- 1 charter or ordinance provisions to the contrary, charge a rate of
- 2 interest on the unpaid balance of the special assessments in
- 3 excess of the charter or ordinance limit on the municipal securi-
- 4 ty, but not in excess of a rate of more than 1% above the average
- 5 rate of interest borne by the municipal security.
- 6 Sec. 509. A municipality may pay interest that accrues on a
- 7 municipal security during the first 3 years after the date of
- 8 issuance of the municipal security from the proceeds of the sale
- 9 of the municipal security. In addition, a municipality may
- 10 establish a reserve fund, in an amount not exceeding 15% of the
- 11 principal amount of the municipal security issued from the pro-
- 12 ceeds of the sale of the municipal security which shall be held
- 13 solely for the payment of principal and interest on the municipal
- 14 security.
- 15 Sec. 511. Any county, township, city, or village, by reso-
- 16 lution of its governing body and without a vote of its electors,
- 17 may issue municipal securities for the purpose of funding any
- 18 part or all of a county or intercounty drain special assessment
- 19 made against the county, township, city, or village at large
- 20 under the provisions of the drain code of 1956, 1956 PA 40,
- 21 MCL 280.1 to 280.630. A municipal security described in this
- 22 section shall mature serially, the first annual maturity of which
- 23 shall fall due not more than 2 years from the date of issuance
- 24 and the last of which shall fall due not more than 10 years from
- 25 the date of issuance or not more than 1 year after the due date
- 26 of the last installment of the special assessment, whichever is
- 27 later. No maturity shall be less than 1/2 of the amount of any

- 1 subsequent maturity. A municipal security issued in accordance
- 2 with this section may be issued in 1 or more series and may fund
- 3 1 or more drain special assessments. The principal amount of a
- 4 municipal security that may be issued under this section shall
- 5 not exceed the principal amount of the special assessments to be
- 6 funded under this section. If any interest is to mature upon the
- 7 municipal security prior to the time of the next county, town-
- 8 ship, city, or village tax collection, then the governing body of
- 9 the county, township, city, or village shall make provision for
- 10 the payment of that amount when due. The debt evidenced by a
- 11 municipal security issued under this section shall not be
- 12 included within the debt of a township, city, or village for any
- 13 statutory or charter debt limitation purpose. No installment or
- 14 installments of a special assessment shall be funded under this
- 15 section unless payable in advance of the due date or due dates,
- 16 and if the drainage district has issued municipal securities, an
- 17 equal amount of the principal amount of the municipal securities
- 18 must be redeemable within 90 days from the delivery of the munic-
- 19 ipal securities to the purchaser of those municipal securities.
- 20 The provisions of this part together with the general provisions
- 21 of this act shall govern the issuance of a municipal security
- 22 authorized in this section except where inapplicable or inconsis-
- 23 tent with this section. All municipal securities issued under
- 24 this section shall be legal and valid, notwithstanding any ille-
- 25 gality in the special assessments funded by those municipal
- 26 securities.

- 1 Sec. 513. (1) A municipality by resolution of its governing
- 2 body or by entry into an intergovernmental contract pursuant to
- 3 section 5 of 1951 PA 35, MCL 124.5, or pursuant to an amendment
- 4 to a contract adopted and made effective in accordance with the
- 5 terms of the contract, and without a vote of its electors, may
- 6 incur debt that shall not be considered debt of the municipality
- 7 for statutory, charter, or constitutional debt limits, and may
- 8 issue municipal securities secured by a limited tax full faith
- 9 and credit pledge for the purpose of either of the following:
- 10 (a) Paying premiums and other charges for coverages provided
- 11 by a pool established pursuant to 1951 PA 35, MCL 124.1 to
- 12 124.13, or evidencing fixed payment securities or securities to
- 13 make payments under specified contingencies pursuant to an inter-
- 14 governmental self-insurance pool contract approved by the state
- 15 treasurer, which contract is authorized under 1951 PA 35,
- **16** MCL 124.1 to 124.13.
- 17 (b) Establishing funds, reserves, or accounts in amounts
- 18 determined by the municipality to defray losses for which insur-
- 19 ance coverage could be provided by an insurer pursuant to the
- 20 insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302, but
- 21 for which the municipality has determined to self-insure.
- 22 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the con-
- 23 trary, the municipal security issued under this section shall be
- 24 issued for the period of time determined by the governing body of
- 25 the municipality or pursuant to the contract, but not to exceed
- **26** 30 years.

- 1 (3) A municipal security authorized under subsection (1)(a),
- 2 other than a municipal security to make payments under specified
- 3 contingencies, shall not be of a term exceeding the coverage pro-
- 4 vided in consideration for receipt of the proceeds of the munici-
- 5 pal security. A municipal security, other than a municipal
- 6 security issued to make payments under specified contingencies,
- 7 may mature annually or be subject to mandatory redemption
- 8 requirements, with the first annual maturity or mandatory redemp-
- 9 tion requirement to fall due 10 years or less from the date of
- 10 issuance. Annual maturity or redemption requirements, or a com-
- 11 bination of both, of a municipal security issued under this sec-
- 12 tion other than a municipal security issued to make payments
- 13 under specified contingencies, after 10 years from the date of
- 14 issuance shall not be less than 1/10 of the amount of any subse-
- 15 quent annual maturity or redemption requirement, or combination
- 16 of both. A municipal security issued pursuant to
- 17 subsection (1)(b) shall be subject to the provisions of this act
- 18 relating to the municipal security. A municipal security issued
- 19 or incurred under subsection (1)(a) shall be subject to this sec-
- 20 tion only and not to any other section or part of this act. The
- 21 self-insurance pool shall submit for approval by the state trea-
- 22 surer a copy of the intergovernmental contract pursuant to which
- 23 a municipal security is to be issued or incurred under
- 24 subsection (1)(a) prior to the effectiveness of the municipal
- 25 security.
- Sec. 515. (1) A municipality may deliver a municipal
- 27 security to this state or the federal government for the purpose

- 1 of defraying the whole or part of the cost of purchasing,
- 2 acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, or
- 3 repairing any water supply or sewage disposal system or public
- 4 building or other public improvement.
- 5 (2) Parts IV, V, and VI do not apply to any municipal secur-
- 6 ity delivered to this state or the federal government to the
- 7 extent the requirements of this state or the federal government
- 8 relating to any of the terms of the debt conflict with the provi-
- 9 sions of this act.
- 10 (3) As used in this section:
- 11 (a) "Federal government" means the federal government or any
- 12 agency of the federal government.
- 13 (b) "This state" means this state or any department, agency,
- 14 board, commission, fund, corporation, or authority of this
- 15 state.
- 16 Sec. 517. (1) A county, city, village, or township may by
- 17 resolution of its governing body, and without a vote of its elec-
- 18 tors, issue a municipal security to pay the cost of any capital
- 19 improvement items, provided that the amount of taxes necessary to
- 20 pay the principal and interest on that municipal security,
- 21 together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall not
- 22 exceed the limit authorized by law.
- 23 (2) If a county, city, village, or township issues a munici-
- 24 pal security under this section, before issuance, the county,
- 25 city, village, or township shall publish a notice of intent to
- 26 issue the municipal security. The notice of intent shall be
- 27 directed to the electors of the county, city, village, or

- 1 township, shall be published in a newspaper that has general
- 2 circulation in the county, city, village, or township, and shall
- 3 state the maximum amount of municipal securities to be issued,
- 4 the purpose of the municipal securities, the source of payment,
- 5 the right of referendum on the issuance of the municipal securi-
- 6 ties, and any other information the county, city, village, or
- 7 township determines necessary to adequately inform the electors
- 8 of the nature of the issue. The notice of intent shall not be
- 9 less than 1/4 page in size in the newspaper. If, within 45 days
- 10 after the publication of the notice of intent, a petition, signed
- 11 by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors, which-
- 12 ever is less, residing within the county, city, village, or town-
- 13 ship, is filed with the governing body of the county, city, vil-
- 14 lage, or township, requesting a referendum upon the question of
- 15 the issuance of the municipal securities, then the municipality
- 16 shall not issue the municipal securities until authorized by the
- 17 vote of a majority of the electors of the county, city, village,
- 18 or township qualified to vote and voting on the question at a
- 19 general or special election. A special election called for this
- 20 purpose shall not be included in a statutory or charter limita-
- 21 tion as to the number of special elections to be called within a
- 22 period of time. Signatures on the petition shall be verified by
- 23 a person under oath as the actual signatures of the persons whose
- 24 names are signed to the petition, and the governing body of the
- 25 county, city, village, or township shall have the same power to
- 26 reject signatures and petitions as city clerks under section 25
- 27 of the home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.25. The number

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1 of registered electors in the county, city, village, or township

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- 2 shall be determined by the governing body of the county, city,
- 3 village, or township.
- 4 (3) Municipal securities issued under subsection (1) by a
- 5 county, city, village, or township shall not exceed 5% of the
- 6 state equalized valuation of the property assessed in that
- 7 county, city, village, or township.
- 8 PART VI
- 9 REFUNDING
- 10 Sec. 601. (1) Subject to this act, a municipality may, by
- 11 resolution or ordinance adopted by its governing body and without
- 12 a vote of its electors, refund all or any part of its outstanding
- 13 securities by issuing refunding securities as described in this
- **14** part.
- 15 (2) A municipality may issue a refunding security whether
- 16 the outstanding security to be refunded has or has not matured,
- 17 is or is not redeemable on the date of issuance of the refunding
- 18 security, exceeds the original estimated period of usefulness but
- 19 not to exceed the current period of usefulness as determined by
- 20 the project engineer or architect, or is or is not subject to
- 21 redemption before maturity.
- 22 (3) A refunding security may be issued in a principal amount
- 23 greater than the principal amount of the outstanding securities
- 24 to be refunded as necessary to effect the refunding under the
- 25 refunding plan.
- 26 (4) A municipality may use the proceeds of a refunding
- 27 security to pay interest accrued, or to accrue, to the earliest

- 1 or any subsequent date of redemption, purchase, or maturity of
- 2 the outstanding security to be refunded, redemption premium, if
- 3 any, and any commission, service fee, and other expense necessary
- 4 to be paid in connection with the outstanding security to be
- 5 refunded. A municipality may also use the proceeds of a refund-
- 6 ing security to pay part of the cost of issuance of the refunding
- 7 security, interest on the refunding security, a reserve for the
- 8 payment of principal, interest, and redemption premiums on the
- 9 refunding security, and other necessary incidental expenses,
- 10 including, but not limited to, placement fees and fees or charges
- 11 for insurance, letters of credit, lines of credit, or commitments
- 12 to purchase the outstanding security to be refunded.
- 13 (5) A municipality may invest the proceeds of a refunding
- 14 security as provided in section 607(2).
- 15 (6) To the extent provided by the proceedings authorizing
- 16 the refunding security, principal, interest, and redemption pre-
- 17 miums on the refunding security shall be secured by and payable
- 18 from any or all of the following sources:
- 19 (a) Taxes or special assessments pledged for payment of a
- 20 municipal security being refunded.
- 21 (b) The proceeds of the refunding security.
- (c) The reserve, if any, established for the payment of the
- 23 principal, interest, and redemption premiums on, the refunding
- 24 security or the outstanding security to be refunded.
- 25 (d) The proceeds of any insurance, letter of credit, or line
- 26 of credit acquired as security for the refunding security.

- 1 (e) The proceeds of any refunding securities issued to
- 2 refund the refunding security.
- 3 (f) Revenues pledged for the outstanding security being
- 4 refunded.
- 5 (g) Investment earnings or profits on any of the sources
- 6 described in subdivisions (a) to (f).
- 7 Sec. 603. (1) Any outstanding security of a municipality
- 8 that has been assumed in part by another municipality may be
- 9 refunded by the municipalities as to their respective
- 10 liabilities.
- 11 (2) This act shall not be construed to prohibit a municipal-
- 12 ity from refunding any of its outstanding securities even though
- 13 some other municipality may be required to contribute to the pay-
- 14 ment of those outstanding securities, and that refunding is
- 15 hereby expressly authorized. Refunding authorized under this
- 16 subsection does not relieve any other municipality from a pledge
- 17 to make a contribution to the payment of an outstanding
- 18 security.
- 19 Sec. 605. The debt evidenced by a refunding security and
- 20 the tax levies used to repay the refunding security shall not be
- 21 deemed to be within any statutory or charter limitation of tax
- 22 rate or of outstanding debt limit, but shall be deemed to be
- 23 authorized in addition to any statutory or charter limitation of
- 24 tax rate or outstanding debt limit.
- 25 Sec. 607. (1) Money on hand applicable to the retirement of
- 26 outstanding securities to be refunded, or from proceeds of

- 1 revenues pledged for these purposes, or both, shall be applied as
- 2 provided in the authorizing resolution.
- 3 (2) The proceeds of a refunding security and other available
- 4 money may be applied to payment of the principal, interest, or
- 5 redemption premiums, if any, on the refunded outstanding securi-
- 6 ties at maturity or on any prior redemption date or may be depos-
- 7 ited in trust for use to purchase and deposit in trust direct
- 8 obligations of the United States, direct noncallable and nonpre-
- 9 payable obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the
- 10 United States government as to full and timely payment of princi-
- 11 pal and interest, noncallable and nonprepayable coupons from the
- 12 above obligations that are stripped pursuant to United States
- 13 treasury programs, and resolution funding corporation bonds and
- 14 strips, the principal and interest on which when due, together
- 15 with other available money, will provide funds sufficient to pay
- 16 principal, interest, and redemption premiums, if any, on the
- 17 refunded outstanding securities as the refunded outstanding
- 18 securities become due, whether by maturity or on a prior redemp-
- 19 tion date, as provided in the authorizing resolution.
- 20 (3) The pledge and covenants of a municipality related to
- 21 refunded outstanding securities for which the municipality has
- 22 deposited in trust proceeds of a refunding security and other
- 23 available money as described in subsection (2) is considered to
- 24 have been fully and legally performed and defeased.
- 25 Sec. 609. A refunding security issued to refund municipal
- 26 securities issued under the terms of the drain code of 1956, 1956
- 27 PA 40, MCL 280.1 to 280.630, shall be of the same character as

- 1 the refunded outstanding municipal security and shall be
- 2 construed to be a continuation of the refunded outstanding munic-
- 3 ipal security. Also, a refunding security issued to refund an
- 4 outstanding municipal security secured by an unlimited tax full
- 5 faith and credit pledge shall be secured by an unlimited tax full
- 6 faith and credit pledge. All other refunding securities issued
- 7 under this part shall be secured by a limited tax full faith and
- 8 credit pledge of the issuing municipality.
- 9 Sec. 611. (1) Except as provided in section 515 or subsec-
- 10 tion (2), a municipality shall not refund all or any part of its
- 11 outstanding securities by issuing a refunding security unless the
- 12 net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the
- 13 refunding security, including the cost of issuance, is less than
- 14 the net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on
- 15 the outstanding security being refunded as calculated using a
- 16 method approved by the department.
- 17 (2) A municipality may, under procedures established by the
- 18 department, obtain an exception from the requirements of
- 19 subsection (1) if the department determines a reasonable basis
- 20 for that exception exists. As used in this subsection, reason-
- 21 able basis means 1 or more of the following:
- 22 (a) The refunding is required by a state or federal agency.
- 23 (b) The refunding is necessary to reduce or eliminate
- 24 requirements of ordinances or covenants applicable to the exist-
- 25 ing outstanding security.
- 26 (c) The refunding is necessary to avoid a potential default
- 27 on an outstanding security.

- 1 (d) The refunding of a short-term municipal security issued
- 2 under section 413.
- 3 Sec. 613. Refunding securities are not subject to section
- **4** 503(1), (2), and (3).
- 5 PART VII
- 6 TAX LEVIES, DEBT RETIREMENT, AND SINKING FUND
- 7 Sec. 701. (1) Subject to subsection (3), if a municipality
- 8 has municipal securities outstanding, or with the approval of its
- 9 electors has authorized the issuance of municipal securities to
- 10 be paid from collections of its next tax levy, an officer or
- 11 official body charged with a duty in connection with the determi-
- 12 nation of the amount of the next taxes to be raised or with the
- 13 levying of the next taxes, shall include all of the following in
- 14 the amount of taxes levied each year:
- 15 (a) An amount such that the estimated collections will be
- 16 sufficient to promptly pay, when due, the interest on all munici-
- 17 pal securities and the portion of the principal falling due
- 18 whether by maturity or by mandatory redemption before the time of
- 19 the following year's tax collection.
- 20 (b) An amount, if there are outstanding mandatory redemption
- 21 refunding securities, sufficient to provide the sum required to
- 22 be deposited, by the ordinance or resolution authorizing the
- 23 issue, into the sinking fund for that purpose before the time of
- 24 the following year's tax collection.
- 25 (c) An amount, if there are outstanding mandatory redemption
- 26 municipal securities other than refunding securities not required
- 27 to be redeemed in annual amounts before the maturity of the

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- 1 outstanding mandatory redemption municipal securities, that if
- 2 deposited annually into a sinking fund will, with the existing
- 3 sinking fund pertaining to the municipal securities and the
- 4 increment of the municipal securities, be sufficient to pay the
- 5 municipal securities at maturity.
- 6 (2) Subsection (1) does not limit the amount required to be
- 7 levied in a year for the purposes prescribed in that subsection,
- 8 by the terms of an ordinance or resolution authorizing the issu-
- 9 ance of the municipal securities.
- 10 (3) If the municipal securities were authorized or issued
- 11 before December 23, 1978, or were approved by the electors of a
- 12 municipality, the municipality shall levy the full amount of
- 13 taxes required by this section for the payment of the municipal
- 14 securities without limitation as to rate or amount and in addi-
- 15 tion to other taxes that the municipality may be authorized to
- 16 levy. If the municipal securities were authorized or issued by a
- 17 municipality after December 22, 1978, and were not approved by
- 18 the electors of the municipality, the municipality shall set
- 19 aside each year from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes
- 20 as required by this section as a first budget obligation for the
- 21 payment of the municipal securities. However, the ad valorem
- 22 taxes shall be subject to applicable charter, statutory, or con-
- 23 stitutional rate limitations.
- 24 (4) If there is surplus money on hand for the payment of
- 25 principal or interest at the time of making an annual tax levy,
- 26 and provision has not been made in the authorizing resolution for

- 1 the disposition of that money, the annual levy for principal or
- 2 interest shall be adjusted to reflect available funds.
- 3 (5) Money remaining in a debt retirement fund from the levy
- 4 of a tax or an account within a debt retirement fund from the
- 5 levy of a tax after the retirement of all municipal securities
- 6 payable from that fund shall be used to pay any other outstanding
- 7 municipal securities of the municipality. After all other out-
- 8 standing municipal securities of the municipality are paid, money
- 9 remaining in a retirement fund shall be deposited in the general
- 10 fund of the municipality.
- 11 (6) As taxes are collected, there shall be set aside that
- 12 portion of the collections that is allocable to the payment of
- 13 the principal and interest on the municipal securities. The por-
- 14 tion set aside shall be divided pro rata among the various sink-
- 15 ing funds and debt retirement funds in accordance with the amount
- 16 levied for that purpose. Tax collections paid into a debt
- 17 retirement fund, if the fund is for the payment of more than 1
- 18 issue of municipal securities, shall be allocated on the books
- 19 and records of the municipality between the various issues in
- 20 accordance with the amounts levied for that purpose.
- 21 (7) An officer who willfully fails to perform duties
- 22 required by this section is personally liable to the municipality
- 23 or to a holder of a municipal security for loss or damage arising
- 24 from his or her failure.
- 25 Sec. 705. (1) Debt retirement funds, except in the case of
- 26 a common debt retirement fund maintained by a school district
- 27 pursuant to section 1223 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451,

- 1 MCL 380.1223, shall be accounted for separately and, debt
- 2 retirement funds, except as provided in section 701(5), shall be
- 3 used only to retire the municipal securities of the municipality
- 4 for which the debt retirement fund was created. Debt retirement
- 5 funds created for the following categories of debt evidenced by a
- 6 municipal security may be pooled or combined for deposit or
- 7 investment purposes only with other debt retirement funds created
- 8 for the same category of debt evidenced by a municipal security:
- **9** (a) Voted debt.
- 10 (b) Nonvoted debt, other than special assessment debt.
- 11 (c) Special assessment debt.
- 12 (2) When any municipality completes the retirement of a debt
- 13 evidenced by a municipal security or accumulates sufficient funds
- 14 in the debt retirement fund for the retirement of the debts evi-
- 15 denced by a municipal security, the governing body of the munici-
- 16 pality shall certify that the debt evidenced by a municipal
- 17 security is retired or that the debt retirement fund is of suffi-
- 18 cient amount to retire the debt evidenced by a municipal security
- 19 to the county treasurer of the county in which the municipality
- 20 is located, and the county treasurer shall no longer be required
- 21 to recognize a levy for the debt or municipal security issue.
- Sec. 707. Any municipality issuing a mandatory redemption
- 23 refunding security under the provisions of part VI shall provide
- 24 a sinking fund or funds for the retirement of the refunding
- 25 security, and there shall be deposited in each sinking fund annu-
- 26 ally an amount sufficient to pay the principal of that refunding
- 27 security at or before maturity. All sinking fund money for the

- 1 retirement of a refunding security shall be accounted for
- 2 separately and shall be used only for the payment or purchase of
- 3 the refunding security.
- 4 CHAPTER VIII
- 5 Sec. 801. This act takes effect March 1, 2002.
- 6 Sec. 803. (1) The following are repealed effective March 1,
- 7 2002:
- 8 (a) Chapters I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX of the
- 9 municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 132.4 and 134.1
- **10** to 139.3.
- 11 (b) Sections 1 to 9 and sections 12 to 15 of chapter III of
- 12 the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.1 to 133.9 and
- **13** 133.12 to 133.15.
- 14 (2) The municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, 133.10 to
- 15 133.11, is repealed effective April 30, 2002.
- 16 Sec. 805. The administrative rules of the municipal finance
- 17 division are repealed effective March 1, 2002.
- 18 Sec. 807. All orders granting exceptions from prior
- 19 approval of debts or securities issued by the department shall
- 20 continue in force and effect until the expiration date expressly
- 21 contained in the order. The terms of the municipal finance act,
- 22 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, shall apply with respect to any
- 23 security issued pursuant to an order of the department that was
- 24 issued before May 1, 2002.
- 25 Sec. 809. All orders approving the issuance of securities
- 26 issued by the department shall continue in force and effect until
- 27 October 31, 2002. The terms of the municipal finance act, 1943

- 1 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, shall apply with respect to any
- 2 security issued pursuant to an order of the department that was
- 3 issued before May 1, 2002.
- 4 Sec. 811. Except as provided by sections 807 and 809, sec-
- 5 tion 303 replaces and reenacts sections 10 and 11 of chapter III
- 6 of the municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.10 and
- **7** 133.11.
- 8 Sec. 813. Except as provided by sections 807 and 809, sec-
- 9 tion 319 replaces and reenacts section 15 of chapter III of the
- 10 municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.15.
- 11 Sec. 815. Any security that, by the terms of the act that
- 12 authorizes its issuance, is exempt from the terms of the munici-
- 13 pal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, is exempt from
- 14 the terms of this act.
- 15 Sec. 817. Except as provided by sections 807 and 809, sec-
- 16 tion 305 replaces and reenacts section 1a of chapter III of the
- 17 municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.1a.
- 18 Sec. 819. Any securities previously issued under or in
- 19 accordance with the authority contained in the municipal finance
- 20 act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3, are hereby validated.
- 21 Sec. 821. (1) Beginning March 1, 2002 and ending April 30,
- 22 2002, a municipality planning to issue a municipal security may
- 23 do either of the following:
- 24 (a) Seek approval or exception from prior approval of the
- 25 municipal security from the department in accordance with sec-
- 26 tions 10 and 11 of chapter III of the municipal finance act, 1943
- 27 PA 202, MCL 133.10 and 133.11.

- 1 (b) Seek qualified status in accordance with section 303, by
- 2 filing a qualifying statement referencing the most recent audit
- 3 report of the municipality previously filed with the department
- 4 prior to the effective date of this act, or if not previously
- 5 timely filed, by attaching a copy of the audit report for the
- 6 most recently completed fiscal year for which an audit has been
- 7 completed.
- **8** (2) If a municipality elects to seek qualified status as
- 9 described in subsection (1) during the period between March 1,
- 10 2002 and May 1, 2002, the department shall determine within 30
- 11 business days of receipt of the qualifying statement whether the
- 12 municipality complies with the requirements of section 303(3).
- 13 If the department determines that the municipality complies with
- 14 the provisions of section 303(3) or if the department fails to
- 15 notify the municipality of its determination under this subsec-
- 16 tion within 30 business days of receipt of the qualifying state-
- 17 ment, the municipality may proceed to issue municipal securities
- 18 in accordance with this act without further approval from the
- 19 department until 30 business days after the next qualifying
- 20 statement is due or received by the department, whichever occurs
- 21 first.
- 22 (3) If a municipality is not granted qualified status pursu-
- 23 ant to subsection (2), or if a municipality does not file a qual-
- 24 ifying statement as described in subsection (1), the municipality
- 25 shall comply with section 303(7) for each municipal security
- 26 issued until the municipality obtains qualified status based on

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- ${f 1}$ the audit report and qualifying statement next duly filed by the
- 2 municipality in accordance with section 303.