SENATE BILL No. 858

November 29, 2001, Introduced by Senator JOHNSON and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 321, entitled "Recreational authorities act," by amending section 21 (MCL 123.1151).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 21. (1) An authority may borrow money and issue bonds
- 2 or notes to finance the acquisition, construction, and improve-
- 3 ment of a public swimming pool, a public recreation center, a
- 4 public auditorium, a public conference center, or a public park,
- 5 including the acquisition of sites and the acquisition and
- 6 installation of furnishings and equipment for these purposes.
- 7 (2) An authority shall not borrow money or issue bonds or
- 8 notes for a sum that, together with the total outstanding bonded
- 9 indebtedness of the authority, exceeds 2 mills of the taxable
- 10 value of the taxable property within the district as determined

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- 1 under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206,
- 2 MCL 211.27a.
- 3 (3) Bonds or notes issued by an authority are a debt of the
- 4 authority and not of the participating municipalities.
- 5 (4) Unless an exception from prior approval is available
- 6 under sections 10 and 11 of chapter III of the municipal finance
- 7 act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 133.10 and 133.11, ALL bonds or notes
- 8 issued by a recreational authority under this act shall be
- 9 approved by the department of treasury, and are subject to the
- 10 municipal finance act, 1943 PA 202, MCL 131.1 to 139.3 REVISED
- 11 MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 TO 141.2821.
- 12 Before approving the issuance of a bond or note under this sub-
- 13 section, the department of treasury shall determine that the
- 14 amount of the proposed bond or note is sufficient but not exces-
- 15 sive, that any revenue or income pledged for the payment of the
- 16 bond or note is sufficient, and that the bond or note and the
- 17 proceedings authorizing the bond or note comply with this act and
- 18 other applicable law.
- 19 (5) Bonds or notes issued by a recreational authority under
- 20 this act shall not, in whole or in part, appreciate in principal

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21 amount or be sold at a discount of more than 10%.