

HOUSE BILL No. 6005

November 8, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Denby and referred to the Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs.

A bill to amend 2001 PA 34, entitled
"Revised municipal finance act,"
by amending section 611 (MCL 141.2611), as amended by 2010 PA 321.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 611. (1) Except as provided in section 515 or subsection
2 (2), a municipality shall not refund all or any part of its
3 outstanding securities by issuing a refunding security unless the
4 net present value of the principal and interest to be paid on the
5 refunding security, including the cost of issuance, and taking into
6 account an agreement entered into pursuant to section 317, is less
7 than the net present value of the principal and interest to be paid
8 on the outstanding security being refunded as calculated using a
9 method approved by the department. However, when a municipality is

1 issuing refunding securities for outstanding variable interest rate
2 securities, as determined by the department the net present value
3 calculation shall use the appropriate current fixed interest rate
4 and the fixed interest rate that would have been available for the
5 outstanding variable interest rate securities when originally
6 issued if the outstanding variable interest rate securities had
7 been issued as fixed interest rate securities or shall use another
8 procedure determined by the department.

9 (2) A municipality may, under procedures established by the
10 department, obtain an exception from the requirements of subsection
11 (1) if the department determines a reasonable basis for that
12 exception exists. As used in this subsection, reasonable basis
13 means 1 or more of the following:

14 (a) The refunding is required by a state or federal agency.

15 (b) The refunding is necessary to reduce or eliminate
16 requirements of ordinances or covenants applicable to the existing
17 outstanding security.

18 (c) The refunding is necessary to avoid a potential default on
19 an outstanding security.

20 (d) The refunding of a short-term municipal security issued
21 under section 413.

22 (e) A municipality may issue a refunding security to refund
23 all or any part of its outstanding securities before December 31,
24 ~~2012~~ 2015 if those securities are not secured by the unlimited full
25 faith and credit pledge of the municipality and the refunding is
26 approved by the department. The municipality shall hold a public
27 hearing before submitting a request to the department pursuant to

1 this subdivision. The municipality shall publish notice of the
2 hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality
3 not less than 30 days before the hearing. After the hearing, the
4 municipality may prepare and submit to the department a request to
5 issue a refunding security pursuant to this subdivision. The
6 department shall not unreasonably withhold approval. The department
7 shall have 90 days from the date it receives a completed request to
8 issue a refunding security pursuant to this subdivision to approve
9 or deny the request. If the department fails to approve or deny the
10 request within 90 days of receiving the completed request, the
11 municipality's request is deemed approved by the department. If the
12 department denies the request, it shall advise the municipality in
13 writing of the reasons for the denial.