

HOUSE BILL NO. 6409

November 12, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Bolden, Coleman and Steven Johnson and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 2001 PA 34, entitled
"Revised municipal finance act,"
by amending section 517 (MCL 141.2517), as amended by 2002 PA 541.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 517. (1) A county, city, village, or township may by
2 resolution of its governing body, and without a vote of its
3 electors, issue a municipal security under this section to pay the
4 cost of any capital improvement items, provided that the amount of

1 taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest on that municipal
2 security, together with the taxes levied for the same year, shall
3 not exceed the limit authorized by law.

4 (2) If a county, city, village, or township issues a municipal
5 security under this section, before issuance, the county, city,
6 village, or township shall ~~publish~~**provide** a notice of intent to
7 issue the municipal security. The notice of intent shall be
8 directed to the electors of the county, city, village, or township.

9 ~~Through December 31, 2021, the notice of intent~~ shall be
10 published in a newspaper that has general circulation in the
11 county, city, village, or township. ~~and The notice of intent~~
12 shall state the maximum amount of municipal securities to be
13 issued, the purpose of the municipal securities, the source of
14 payment, the right of referendum on the issuance of the municipal
15 securities, and any other information the county, city, village, or
16 township determines necessary to adequately inform the electors of
17 the nature of the issue. ~~The Through December 31, 2021, the notice~~
18 of intent shall not be less than 1/4 page in size in the newspaper.

19 **Beginning January 1, 2022, the county, city, village, or township**
20 **shall post the notice of intent as provided in the local government**
21 **public notice act.** If, within 45 days after ~~the publication~~
22 **providing notice** of the notice of intent, a petition, signed by not
23 less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors, whichever is
24 less, residing within the county, city, village, or township, is
25 filed with the governing body of the county, city, village, or
26 township, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance
27 of the municipal securities, then the municipality shall not issue
28 the municipal securities until authorized by the vote of a majority
29 of the electors of the county, city, village, or township qualified

1 to vote and voting on the question at a general or special
2 election. A special election called for this purpose shall not be
3 included in a statutory or charter limitation as to the number of
4 special elections to be called within a period of time. Signatures
5 on the petition shall be verified by a person under oath as the
6 actual signatures of the persons whose names are signed to the
7 petition, and the governing body of the county, city, village, or
8 township shall have the same power to reject signatures and
9 petitions as city clerks under section 25 of the home rule city
10 act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.25. The number of registered electors in
11 the county, city, village, or township shall be determined by the
12 governing body of the county, city, village, or township.

13 (3) Municipal securities issued under subsection (1) by a
14 county, city, village, or township shall not exceed 5% of the state
15 equalized valuation of the property assessed in that county, city,
16 village, or township.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 6440 (request no.
19 02449'19) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.