

**CHARTER WATER AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 4 of 1957**

**121.14a Violation of MCL 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.**

Sec. 14a. (1) The resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds by the authority shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation within the corporate limits of the authority within 1 week after its adoption. If, within 30 days from the publication of the resolution, a petition signed by not less than 2% of the registered electors in any part of the authority is filed with the secretary of the authority, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds, then the bonds shall not be issued until approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified electors residing within the corporate limits of the authority voting on the question.

(2) If a petition for a referendum is filed with the secretary of the authority within the prescribed time period, the board of commissioners of the authority, by resolution, shall establish the date of the election, which shall be not less than 60 days or more than 90 days after the adoption of the resolution. The secretary of the authority, within 3 days after the adoption of the resolution, shall transmit a certified copy of the resolution to the governing body of each city, village, or township that is a part of the authority. The governing body of each city, village, or township shall forthwith provide for an election in accordance with the resolution so passed, in which the question of issuing the bonds shall be submitted. The ballots for use in the election shall be provided by the authority and the elections shall be conducted in the same manner as all special elections are required to be conducted in the respective cities, villages, and townships except that wherever any part or all of a village belonging to the authority is located in a township that is not a member of the authority, the village shall conduct the special election.

(3) The governing bodies of the cities, villages, and townships that are a part of the authority shall act as a board of canvassers and shall certify the results of the election to the board of commissioners of the authority within 5 days after the date of the election. The board of commissioners of the authority within 5 days after the date of election shall compile and tabulate the vote as received from the respective cities, villages, and townships and certify the result of the election by resolution upon the records of the authority and a majority of the total valid votes cast at the election voting "yes" on the question submitted shall constitute an approval.

(4) A petition under subsection (1), including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

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