

JOINT PUBLIC BUILDINGS (EXCERPT)
Act 150 of 1923

123.925 Public buildings; veterans' memorial hall; rent contracts; bonds; referendum, issuance; applicability of section to counties with certain population; bonds subject to revised municipal finance act.

Sec. 5. (1) A county, city, village, or township for itself and any other of the units of government may acquire, construct, lease, or maintain a building or buildings to house any of their offices, or facilities for any other public use and purpose of the units of government, which building may be or include a memorial hall for war veterans of the United States of America and for public assemblage and to acquire a site or sites for those purposes. However, no county, city, village, or township shall for joint purposes and uses acquire a site or sites or erect any building or buildings unless the unit of government has entered into a contract or contracts for the rental of a portion of the site or sites and quarters or space with each of the other participating units of government in the amount or amounts and for the period or periods of time and in the form as will provide revenues from payments to it of a reasonably proportionate or equitable share of the total cost in relation to the portion, space, use, and public benefits provided in the contract or contracts for the lessee or lessees. The contract or contracts shall be executed following approval by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in the legislative body of each unit of government participating in and a party to the contract. The contract is not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(2) The county, city, village, or township that singly acquires a site or sites or acquires, constructs, or leases a building or buildings for the purposes authorized in this section may obtain funds for those purposes by gift or by means of general obligation bonds or by the issuance of self-liquidating revenue bonds to be paid from the revenues derived in pursuance of a contract or contracts as provided in subsection (1) and under the provisions of the revenue bond act of 1933, 1933 PA 94, MCL 141.101 to 141.140. In the event that the revenues to be derived under the contract or contracts shall be only sufficient to permit the issuance of revenue bonds for a portion of the cost of the site or sites or building or buildings, authority is hereby granted to issue revenue bonds to the extent to which the revenue shall permit. However, the entire improvement or improvements on which revenue bonds are issued shall be subject to the provisions of the revenue bond act of 1933, 1933 PA 94, MCL 141.101 to 141.140. However, as a prerequisite to the lease or purchase of any property, the lease, purchase, or construction of any building or buildings or the issuance of any revenue or general obligation bonds under the provision of this section, the board of commissioners of the county involved shall submit the question to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election or at a special election to be called by the board of commissioners of the county. However, if the majority vote of the qualified electors in the largest city of the county and a majority vote of the qualified electors in all the rest of the county shall vote in favor of the question, the provisions of this section shall then become operative. However, no self-liquidating revenue bonds shall be sold unless prior to the sale an advertisement is made of the date of the sale, the number and amount of bonds, and other matters covering the revenue bonds. However, sealed bids shall be taken on the day of the sale of the bonds from any and all persons who may bid, and the bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder at the sale. The proceeds derived from the sale of any and all the bonds shall be used only for the purpose of acquiring a site or constructing building or buildings, as authorized in this act, and shall be used for no other purpose.

(3) The provisions of this section shall apply only to counties having a population of 300,000 or over according to the latest federal census. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply in a county unless and until the board of supervisors of the county shall adopt a resolution approved by a 2/3 vote of the members elected to and serving on the board.

(4) General obligation bonds issued under this act are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

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Compiler's note: For provisions of Act 94 of 1933, referred to in this section, see MCL 141.101 et seq.