

MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AUTHORITIES (EXCERPT)
Act 55 of 1963

124.357 Self-liquidating revenue bonds; issuance; source of payment; property tax; limitation; election; resolution; submitting proposition to electors; conduct; canvass; costs; tax rate; levy and collection.

Sec. 7. (1) For the purpose of acquiring, improving, enlarging, or extending a mass transportation system, the authority may issue self-liquidating revenue bonds under the revenue bond act of 1933, 1933 PA 94, MCL 141.101 to 141.140, or any other act providing for the issuance of self-liquidating revenue bonds. The bonds shall not be a general obligation of the authority, but shall be payable solely from the revenue of the mass transportation system. However, if the authority issues self-liquidating revenue bonds with a pledge of the full faith and credit of the municipality, those revenue bonds are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(2) An authority formed under this act may levy a tax on all of the taxable property within the political subdivisions that comprise the authority for public transportation purposes as authorized by this act.

(3) The tax authorized in subsection (2) shall not exceed 5 mills of the state equalized valuation on each dollar of assessed valuation in the political subdivisions that comprise the applicable authority.

(4) The tax authorized under subsection (2) shall not be levied except upon the approval of a majority of the registered electors residing in the political subdivisions that comprise the authority affected and qualified to vote and voting on the tax at a general or special election. The election may be called by resolution of the board of the authority. The recording officer of the authority shall file a copy of the resolution of the board calling the election with the clerk of each affected county, city, or township not less than 60 days before the date of the election. The resolution calling the election shall contain a statement of the proposition to be submitted to the electors. Each county, city, and township clerk and all other county, city, and township officials shall undertake those steps to properly submit the proposition to the electors of the county, city, and township at the election specified in the resolutions of the authority. The election shall be conducted and canvassed in accordance with the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, except that if the authority is located in more than 1 county, the election shall be canvassed by the state board of canvassers. The results of the election shall be certified to the board of the authority promptly after the date of the election. The authority shall not call more than 1 election within a calendar year under this section for the approval of the tax authorized by subsection (2) without the approval of the legislative bodies of a majority of the member political subdivisions of the authority. If the election is a special election, the authority in which the election is held shall pay the costs of the election. If the election is a general election, the authority in which the election is held shall pay the increased costs of the election due to the placement of the proposition on the ballot by the authority or an amount negotiated between the authority and the appropriate political subdivisions.

(5) The taxes authorized by this section may be levied at a rate and for a period of not more than 5 years as determined by the authority in the resolution calling the election and as shall be set forth in the proposition submitted to the electors.

(6) The tax rate authorized by this section shall be levied and collected as are all ad valorem property taxes in this state and the recording officer of the authority shall at the appropriate times certify to the proper tax assessing or collecting officers of each tax collecting county, city, and township the amount of taxes to be levied and collected each year by each county, city, and township. The board of the authority shall determine on which tax roll, if there is more than 1, of the county, city, or township that the taxes authorized by this section shall be collected. Each tax assessing and collecting officer and each county treasurer shall levy and collect the taxes certified by the authority and pay the taxes to the authority by the time provided in section 43 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.43. The tax rate authorized by this section may be first levied by the authority as a part of the first tax roll of the appropriate counties, cities, and townships occurring after the election described in subsection (4). The tax may be levied and collected on the June or December tax roll immediately following the date of election, if the tax is certified to the proper tax assessing officials not later than May 15 or November 15, respectively, of the year in which the election is held.

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