

**FISCAL STABILIZATION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 80 of 1981**

**141.1004 Application for order approving bonds or obligations; resolution; determination of accumulated operating deficit; conditions and determinations; statement; issuance of order; determinations and findings conclusive; maximum amount of bonds or obligations; exceptions; bonds or obligations not subject to revised municipal finance act; agency financing reporting act applicable.**

Sec. 4. (1) Before a city may make application to the board for approval to issue bonds or obligations under this act, the legislative body of the city shall determine by resolution that all of the following conditions exist:

(a) The city had an accumulated operating deficit as of the end of the last completed fiscal year or is projected to have an accumulated operating deficit at the end of the current fiscal year. The determination of the existence of an accumulated operating deficit or a projected accumulated operating deficit shall be made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(b) The amount of the deficit exceeds the amount that the city may borrow from the emergency municipal loan fund pursuant to the emergency municipal loan act, 1980 PA 243, MCL 141.931 to 141.942.

(c) The amount of the deficit is more than the city can fund by issuing tax anticipation notes under the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(2) Before a county may make application to the board for approval to issue bonds or obligations under this act, the legislative body of the county shall determine by resolution that the county had an accumulated operating deficit as of the end of the last completed fiscal year or is projected to have an accumulated operating deficit at the end of the current fiscal year. The determination of the existence of an accumulated operating deficit or a projected accumulated operating deficit shall be made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(3) If the legislative body of a city or county determines that all of the conditions described in subsection (1) or (2) exist, respectively, it shall also in the same resolution make the following determinations:

(a) The amount of the accumulated operating deficit that was incurred or is projected to exist at the end of the current fiscal year.

(b) The maximum amount of bonds or obligations necessary to fund the deficit and provide funds for the purposes described in section 5.

(4) Before adopting a resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or obligations, the city or county shall apply to the secretary of the board for an order approving issuance of the bonds or obligations by the city or county and shall attach to the application a copy of the resolution described in this section.

(5) The board shall require that the city or county provide the board with a statement signed by the chief executive officer of the city or county, if a charter county, or the chairperson of the board of county commissioners, which statement indicates how the city or county intends to avoid future deficits. The statement is a condition that shall be met as part of the application by the city or county to the board for issuance of bonds or obligations under this act.

(6) Within 7 days after receipt of a full and complete application as determined by the board, the board shall issue an order approving issuance of bonds or obligations by the city or county in an amount not exceeding the amount determined to be necessary by the legislative body of the city or county under subsection (3) or denying the application.

(7) After approval of the board, the determinations and findings made by the legislative body of the city or county pursuant to this section are conclusive.

(8) The maximum amount of bonds or obligations that are unlimited or limited tax bonds or obligations that may be issued by a city or county under this act shall not exceed 3% of the state equalized valuation of real and personal property located within the territorial boundaries of the city or county, respectively, or the maximum principal amount of all bonds or obligations that may be issued by a city or county under this act shall not exceed \$125,000,000.00, or for bonds or obligations issued by a city under this act after January 1, 2010 and before September 1, 2010, the maximum principal amount of all bonds or obligations issued by a city shall not exceed \$250,000,000.00. The limitations provided by this subsection do not include bonds or obligations or portions of bonds or obligations used to pay for any of the following:

(a) Amounts set aside for a reserve for payment of principal, interest, and redemption premiums.

(b) Expected costs of issuance of the bonds or obligations.

(c) The amount of any discount.

(d) Bonds or obligations issued to refund outstanding bonds or obligations.

(9) Except as provided in section 7, the issuance of bonds or obligations under this act are not subject to

the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821. The issuance of bonds or obligations described in this subsection is subject to the agency financing reporting act, 2002 PA 470, MCL 129.171 to 129.177.

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