

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.4302 Waterworks systems, sewers, and disposal plants; mortgage bonds.**

Sec. 4302. (1) The waterworks system, intercepting sewers, pumping stations, sewage disposal plant and system, transfer station, and garbage and refuse processing or disposal plant and system, are public utilities within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing, owning, operating, constructing, equipping, and maintaining the waterworks system, intercepting sewers, pumping stations, sewage disposal plant and system, transfer station, and garbage and refuse processing or disposal plant and system. A local unit of government may issue full faith and credit bonds or mortgage bonds for the purposes described in this part beyond the general limits of the bonded indebtedness prescribed by law except as provided in this section. The mortgage bonds as provided in this section shall not impose any general liability upon the local unit of government but shall be secured only on the property and revenues of the utility as provided in this section, including a franchise, stating the terms upon which the purchaser may operate the utility in case of foreclosure. The franchise shall not extend for a longer period than 20 years from the date of the sale on foreclosure. The total amount of mortgage bonds shall not exceed 60% of the original cost of the utility except as provided in this section. Bonds shall not be issued as general obligations of the local unit of government except upon a 3/5 affirmative vote of the qualified electors of the local unit of government and except as provided in this section, not in excess of 3% of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property of the local unit of government as shown by the last preceding tax roll. Bonds shall not be issued as full faith and credit bonds or mortgage bonds of the utility except upon a 3/5 affirmative vote of the legislative body of the local unit of government.

(2) Revenue bonds issued under this section are subject to the revenue bond act of 1933, 1933 PA 94, MCL 141.101 to 141.140.

(3) Except for revenue bonds described in subsection (2), all other bonds and notes issued under this section are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

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