

**COUNTY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1939 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 342 of 1939**

**46.175b Resolution authorizing execution of contract; notice; approval of contract; petition for referendum; special election; verification of signatures; refunding of outstanding bonds.**

Sec. 5b. (1) A unit of government desiring to enter into a contract under the provisions of section 5a shall authorize, by resolution of its governing body, the execution of the contract. Subsequent to the adoption of the resolution a notice thereof shall be published in a newspaper of general publication in the unit of government which notice shall state:

- (a) That the governing body has adopted a resolution authorizing execution of the contract.
- (b) The purpose thereof.
- (c) The source of payment of unit of government is contractual obligation.
- (d) The right of referendum thereon.
- (e) Such other information as the governing body shall determine to be necessary to adequately inform all interested persons of the nature of the obligation.

The contract may be executed and delivered by the unit of government upon approval by its governing body without a vote of the electors thereon, but the contract shall not become effective until the expiration of 45 days after the date of publication of such notice. If within the 45-day period a petition signed by at least 10% or 15,000, whichever is the lesser, of the registered electors residing within the limits of the unit of government is filed with the clerk thereof requesting a referendum upon the contract, the same shall not become effective until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the unit of government qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election. Where a unit of government has, prior to the effective date of this 1974 amendment, published a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract hereunder in substantial compliance with this section, as amended, and the referendum period formerly provided by this section has expired, but the bonds have not been issued, the resolution and the publication thereof are hereby validated and, if no petition for a referendum on execution of the contract has been or is signed and filed within the time period formerly provided by this section, the contract may be executed and shall thereupon become effective without submitting the proposition for approval thereof to the electors, or if a petition has been or is so signed and filed, the contract may be executed and thereupon become effective if approved at an election as above provided. When any such contract is to be entered into by any township only on behalf of the unincorporated area of the township, only the registered electors residing within the unincorporated area of the township shall be qualified to sign the petition and vote at the election.

(2) Any special election called for such purpose shall not be included in any statutory or charter limitation as to the number of special elections to be called within any period of time. Signatures on any such petition shall be verified by some person under oath, as the actual signatures of the persons whose names are signed thereto, and the clerk of the unit of government shall have the same power to reject signatures as city clerks under the provisions of section 25 of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, being section 117.25 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. The number of registered electors in any unit of government shall be determined by the unit of government registration books.

(3) Where a contracting unit of government has outstanding any revenue bonds issued under the provisions of Act. No. 94 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended, being sections 141.101 to 141.139 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, for the type of improvements or facilities to be constructed pursuant to this act and the contract, such contract may provide for the refunding of the outstanding bonds and the inclusion, in the total financing required for the construction of the improvements or facilities contemplated by this act of an amount sufficient to provide for the refunding, including such call premiums as may be required in the ordinance authorizing their issuance. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing the refunding of noncallable unmatured bonds without the consent of the holder or holders thereof. Where the refunding is provided for by the contract, any bonds issued pursuant to section 5c may be issued and sold in a sufficient amount to provide additional funds over and above acquisition and construction costs of the new improvements or facilities to enable the contracting unit of government to retire the outstanding revenue bonds.

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