

HOUSE BILL No. 4911

September 7, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Horn, Knollenberg, Tyler, Denby, Huuki and Cotter
and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

A bill to amend 1948 (1st Ex Sess) PA 31, entitled

"An act to provide for the incorporation of authorities to acquire, furnish, equip, own, improve, enlarge, operate, and maintain buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, transit-oriented developments, transit-oriented facilities, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefor, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for the use of any county, city, village, or township, or for the use of any combination of 2 or more counties, cities, villages, or townships, or for the use of any school district and any city, village, or township wholly or partially within the district's boundaries, or for the use of any school district and any combination of 2 or more cities, villages, or townships wholly or partially within the district's boundaries, or for the use of any intermediate school district and any constituent school district or any city, village, or township, wholly or partially within the intermediate school district's boundaries; to provide for compensation of authority commissioners; to permit transfers of property to authorities; to authorize the execution of contracts, leases, and subleases pertaining to authority property and the use of authority property; to authorize incorporating units to impose taxes without limitation as to rate or amount and to pledge their full faith and credit for the payment of contract of lease obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued by an authority; to provide for the issuance of bonds by

such authorities; to validate action taken and bonds issued; to provide other powers, rights, and duties of authorities and incorporating units, including those for the disposal of authority property; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,"

by amending section 8b (MCL 123.958b), as amended by 1995 PA 147.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8b. (1) The governing body of an incorporating unit may,
2 by a majority vote of its members, authorize the execution of a
3 full faith and credit general obligation contract of lease with an
4 authority.

5 (2) The governing body may adopt a resolution submitting the
6 contract to a vote of the electors. If the governing body adopts
7 the resolution submitting the contract to a vote of the electors,
8 the contract shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of
9 the electors of the incorporating unit voting on the question. The
10 contract shall be submitted at the next general or primary election
11 to be held not ~~less than 70 days~~ **EARLIER THAN THE TWELFTH TUESDAY**
12 after the date of the resolution or at a special election to be
13 held not ~~less than 70 days~~ **EARLIER THAN THE TWELFTH TUESDAY** after
14 the date of the resolution as determined by the clerk of the
15 incorporating unit subject to the Michigan election law, ~~Act No.~~
16 ~~116 of the Public Acts of 1954, being sections 168.1 to 168.992 of~~
17 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 TO 168.992.** The
18 clerk shall also determine the ballot language of the question.

19 (3) If the governing body does not adopt a resolution
20 submitting the contract to a vote of the electors, the contract
21 shall become effective 60 days after a notice of intention of
22 entering into the contract has been published in a newspaper of
23 general circulation in the incorporating unit or units unless a

1 sufficient petition for referendum requesting an election on the
2 contract is filed with the clerk of the incorporating unit within
3 45 days after the notice is published. A referendum petition shall
4 be signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors
5 of the incorporating unit, whichever is less. If a sufficient
6 petition is filed, the contract shall not take effect unless
7 approved by a majority of the electors of the incorporating unit
8 voting on the question. The clerk of the incorporating unit shall
9 determine the date of the election and the ballot language as
10 provided under subsection (2). The notice of intention of entering
11 into contract shall be directed to the electors and taxpayers of
12 the incorporating unit, shall be published in a newspaper which is
13 determined by the governing body ~~thereof~~ **OF THE INCORPORATING UNIT**
14 to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom
15 the notice is directed, and shall state the maximum amount of bonds
16 authorized to be issued, the purpose thereof, source of payment and
17 right of referendum thereon, and such other information as the
18 governing body of the incorporating unit may consider necessary to
19 adequately inform the taxpayers and electors of the incorporating
20 unit of the nature of the contractual obligation. Signatures on the
21 petition shall be verified by the circulator under oath as the
22 actual signatures of the persons whose names are signed ~~thereto~~ **ON**
23 **THE PETITION** and the clerk or other recording officer of the
24 incorporating unit shall have the same power to reject signatures
25 and petitions as city clerks under section 25 of the ~~home rule~~
26 ~~cities act, Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, being section~~
27 ~~117.25 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~ **HOME RULE CITY ACT, 1909 PA**

1 279, MCL 117.25. The number of registered electors in any
2 incorporating unit shall be determined by its registration records,
3 or, if it does not take registrations, by the appropriate city and
4 township registration records. A notice of intention and
5 publication is not required if the contract of lease states that it
6 is not a full faith and credit obligation of the incorporating unit
7 or units.

8 (4) An election under this section shall not be included in
9 any statutory or charter limitation on the number of special
10 elections to be called within a particular period of time.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
12 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 4907(request no.
13 01868'11) of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.