LOCAL FINANCIAL STABILITY AND CHOICE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 436 of 2012

141.1566 Chapter 9 proceeding.

Sec. 26. (1) With the written approval of the governor, a local government may file a petition under chapter 9 and exercise powers pursuant to federal bankruptcy law if the local government adopts a resolution, by a majority vote of the governing body of the local government, that declares a financial emergency in the local government. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the local government has a strong mayor, the resolution requires strong mayor approval. The resolution shall include a statement determining that the financial condition of the local government jeopardizes the health, safety, and welfare of the residents who reside within the local government or service area of the local government absent the protections of chapter 9 and that the local government is or will be unable to pay its obligations within 60 days following the adoption of the resolution.

(2) If the governor approves a local government to proceed under chapter 9, the governor shall inform the local government in writing of the decision. The governor may place contingencies on a local government in order to proceed under chapter 9 including, but not limited to, appointing a person to act exclusively on behalf of the local government in the chapter 9 bankruptcy proceedings. If the governor does not appoint a person to act exclusively on behalf of the local government in chapter 9 bankruptcy proceedings, the chief administrative officer of the local government shall act exclusively on behalf of the local government in chapter 9 bankruptcy proceedings. Upon receipt of the written approval and subject to this subsection, the local government may proceed under chapter 9 and exercise powers under federal bankruptcy law.

(3) If the governor does not approve a local government to proceed under chapter 9, the local government shall within 7 days select 1 of the other local options as provided in section 7.

History: 2012, Act 436, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 2 of Act 436 of 2012 provides:

"Enacting section 2. It is the intent of the legislature that this act function and be interpreted as a successor statute to former 1988 PA 101, former 1990 PA 72, and former 2011 PA 4, and that whenever possible a reference to former 1988 PA 101, former 1990 PA 72, or former 2011 PA 4, under other laws of this state or to a function or responsibility of an emergency financial manager or emergency manager under former 1988 PA 101, former 1990 PA 72, or former 2011 PA 4, under other laws of this state shall function and be interpreted to reference to this act, with the other laws of this state referencing former 1988 PA 101, former 1990 PA 72, or former 2011 PA 4, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) The charter township act, 1947 PA 359, MCL 42.1 to 42.34.
(b) 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.501 to 45.521.
(c) 1851 PA 156, MCL 46.1 to 46.32.
(d) The general law village act, 1895 PA 3, MCL 61.1 to 74.25.
(e) The home rule village act, 1909 PA 278, MCL 78.1 to 78.28.
(f) The fourth class city act, 1895 PA 215, MCL 81.1 to 113.20.
(g) The home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 to 117.38.
(h) The metropolitan transportation authorities act of 1967, 1967 PA 204, MCL 124.401 to 124.426.
(i) 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.201 to 423.217."

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