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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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Introduced by Senator DeBeaussaert

**ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 868**

AN ACT to amend 1955 PA 233, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of certain municipal authorities to acquire, own, extend, improve, and operate sewage disposal systems, water supply systems, and solid waste management systems; to prescribe the rights, powers, and duties thereof; to authorize contracts between such authorities and public corporations; to provide for the issuance of bonds to acquire, construct, extend, or improve the systems; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending sections 7, 9, and 12c (MCL 124.287, 124.289, and 124.292c), section 7 as amended by 1981 PA 154, section 9 as amended by 1994 PA 36, and section 12c as amended by 1983 PA 30.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 7. (1) The authority and any of its constituent municipalities may enter into a contract or contracts providing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, extension, operation, and financing of a sewage disposal system, a water supply system, a solid waste management system, or a combination of systems, which contract or contracts shall provide for the allocation and payment of the share of the total cost to be borne by each contracting municipality in annual installments for a period of not exceeding 40 years. Each contracting municipality may pledge its full faith and credit for the payment of the obligation in the manner and times specified in the contract or contracts, in which event each contracting municipality may include in its annual tax levy an amount sufficient so that the estimated collections from the tax levy will be sufficient to promptly pay when due the portion of the obligation falling due before the time of the following year's tax collection. The contract is not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821. If the contract or an unlimited tax pledge in support of the contract has been approved by the electors of a municipality, the tax may be in addition to any tax that the municipality may otherwise be authorized to levy and may be imposed without limitation as to rate or amount but shall not be in excess of the rate or amount necessary to pay the contractual obligation. If at the time of making the annual tax levy, there are other funds on hand earmarked for the payment of the contractual obligation, then credit for those funds may be taken upon the annual levy for the payment of the obligation. Other funds may be raised by each contracting municipality by the use of any, or all, or any combination of the following additional methods:

(a) The levy of special assessments on property benefited by a sewage disposal system, water supply system, or a combination of systems, the procedures relative to the levying and collection of the special assessments to conform as near as is applicable to charter or statutory provisions for the levying and collection, except that a petition shall not be required from property owners.

(b) The levy and collection of rates or charges to users and beneficiaries of the service or services furnished by the sewage disposal system, water supply system, solid waste management system, or combination of systems.

(c) The exaction of connection charges to be paid by owners of land directly or indirectly connected with the sewage disposal system, water supply system, solid waste management system, or combination of systems.

(d) The receipt of money derived from the imposition of taxes by this state, except as the use of the money for the purpose is expressly prohibited by the state constitution of 1963.

(e) The receipt of other funds that may be validly used for the purpose.

(2) The contract or contracts may provide for any and all matters relating to the acquisition, construction, operation, and financing of the sewage disposal system, water supply system, solid waste management system, or combination of systems as are considered necessary, including authorization to the authority to issue bonds secured by the full faith and credit pledges of the contracting municipalities, as authorized by section 9. The contract or contracts may provide for appropriate remedy or remedies in case of default.

Sec. 9. (1) To obtain funds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, or extension of the sewage disposal system, water supply system, solid waste management system, or combination of systems authorized by this act, the authority, after the execution of the contract or contracts authorized by sections 7 and 8, upon ordinance or resolution adopted by the authority, may issue its negotiable bonds secured by the full faith and credit pledges made by each contracting municipality pursuant to authorization contained in this act and the contract or contracts entered into pursuant to sections 7 and 8. The bonds shall mature over not more than 40 years from the date of issuance, and may provide for the use of money received from the sale of the bonds to pay operation and maintenance costs of a sewage disposal system, water supply system, solid waste management system, or combination of systems before receipt of the first revenues from the bonds.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be issued and sold and subject to all other applicable provisions of the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

Sec. 12c. (1) In the discretion of the governing body of the authority, any series of bonds issued pursuant to the authorization of section 12b may be secured by a trust indenture by and between the authority and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the state, but no trust indenture shall convey or mortgage the project or any part of the project. Either the resolution providing for the issuance of bonds or the trust indenture may contain the provisions for the security and payment of the bonds and for the protection and enforcement of the rights and remedies of the bondholders as deemed advisable by the governing body of the authority, not in violation of the constitution of this state, including specifically covenants setting forth the following:

(a) The duties of the authority in relationship to the construction, maintenance, operation, repair, and insurance of the project.

(b) The pledge of revenues of the project or any part of the project.

(c) Limitations on the amount of money derived from the operation of the project that may be expended for operating, administrative, or other specified expenses of the authority.

(d) The safeguarding and application of the fund from which the cost of the project is to be paid and of the revenues pledged to the payment of the bonds, all of which may be deposited in as received and paid out by those banks as provided in the resolution or indenture.

(e) Provisions for the employment of consulting engineers to supervise the construction of the project, and to supervise its maintenance and operation, to which consulting engineers may be delegated all rights and duties with respect to the project deemed advisable by the governing body of the authority and the appointment of which consulting engineers shall be subject to the approval by the purchasers or holders of the bonds as provided in the resolution or indenture.

(f) Rights and remedies of the bondholders and the trustee, if any, and the restrictions thereon as may be considered advisable.

(g) Any other and additional provisions ordinarily found in trust agreements securing bond issues protecting and enforcing the rights and security of the holders of the bonds and designed to make the bonds more attractive and salable at the best available prices.

(2) The resolution or trust indenture shall contain a provision requiring an annual audit of the books and records of the authority, or any fiscal agent or trustee specified in the resolution or trust indenture by a certified public accountant or accountants to be selected by the governing body of the authority and approved by the manager or managers of the account purchasing the bonds.

(3) Any bank or trust company designated as trustee or as depositary for any funds, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, is authorized to pledge as collateral security for moneys deposited in such bank or trust company direct obligations of, or obligations the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the government of the United States, or other marketable securities eligible as security for the deposit of trust funds under regulations of the federal reserve board and having a market value, exclusive of accrued interest, at least equal to the amount of the deposit; or in lieu of the collateral security as to all or any part of the deposit, there may be lodged with the trustee, or with the governing body of the authority in case of moneys deposited or remaining on deposit with the

trustee, and remain in full force and effect as security for the moneys deposited, the indemnifying bonds of a surety company or companies qualified as surety for deposits of the government of the United States and qualified to transact business in this state, in a sum at least equal to the amount of moneys deposited with such bank or trust company, if such indemnity bond or bonds be approved by the governing body of the authority. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions appearing in any trust indenture or bond resolution and the cost of any surety bond furnished may be treated as part of the cost of maintaining and operating the project. The resolution or trust indenture may contain such other provisions as the governing body of the authority may deem reasonable and proper for the security of the bondholders, including, but without limitation, covenants prescribing all happenings or occurrences that constitute events of default and the terms and conditions upon which bonds may become or be declared to be due before maturity and as to the rights, liabilities, powers, and duties arising upon the breach by the authority of any of its duties and obligations.

(4) Nothing contained in the 1958 amendments to this act shall be construed to authorize the issuance of other than revenue bonds.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

*Carol Morey Viventi*

Secretary of the Senate.

*Ray E. Randall*

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved .....

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Governor.