

BUILDING AUTHORITIES (EXCERPT)
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123.958b Contract of lease; full faith and credit general obligation; resolution submitting contract to vote of electors; effective date; notice of intention; referendum petition; election.

Sec. 8b.

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

(2) The governing body may adopt a resolution submitting the contract to a vote of the electors. If the governing body adopts the resolution submitting the contract to a vote of the electors, the contract shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors of the incorporating unit voting on the question. The contract shall be submitted at the next general or primary election to be held not earlier than the twelfth Tuesday after the date of the resolution or at a special election to be held not earlier than the twelfth Tuesday after the date of the resolution as determined by the clerk of the incorporating unit subject to the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992. The clerk shall also determine the ballot language of the question.

(3) If the governing body does not adopt a resolution submitting the contract to a vote of the electors, the contract shall become effective 60 days after a notice of intention of entering into the contract has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the incorporating unit or units unless a sufficient petition for referendum requesting an election on the contract is filed with the clerk of the incorporating unit within 45 days after the notice is published. A referendum petition shall be signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors of the incorporating unit, whichever is less. If a sufficient petition is filed, the contract shall not take effect unless approved by a majority of the electors of the incorporating unit voting on the question. The clerk of the incorporating unit shall determine the date of the election and the ballot language as provided under subsection (2). The notice of intention of entering into contract shall be directed to the electors and taxpayers of the incorporating unit, shall be published in a newspaper which is determined by the governing body of the incorporating unit to be the newspaper reaching the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed, and shall state the maximum amount of bonds authorized to be issued, the purpose thereof, source of payment and right of referendum thereon, and such other information as the governing body of the incorporating unit may consider necessary to adequately inform the taxpayers and electors of the incorporating unit of the nature of the contractual obligation. Signatures on the petition shall be verified by the circulator under oath as the actual signatures of the persons whose names are signed on the petition and the clerk or other recording officer of the incorporating unit shall have the same power to reject signatures and petitions as city clerks under section 25 of the home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.25. The number of registered electors in any incorporating unit shall be determined by its registration records, or, if it does not take registrations, by the appropriate city and township registration records. A notice of intention and publication is not required if the contract of lease states that it is not a full faith and credit obligation of the incorporating unit or units.

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

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