SINKING FUND FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Act 14 of 1926 (Ex. Sess.)

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of any county to create a sinking fund for the purpose of purchasing real estate for sites for, and constructing or repairing public buildings; to authorize such boards to submit the question of levying a tax to create such sinking fund to the electors of their certain counties and to provide for the manner of submission.

History: 1926, Ex. Sess., Act 14, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1926.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

141.51 Creation of sinking fund for public buildings and sites; tax referendum.

Sec. 1. The board of supervisors of any county are hereby authorized to levy a tax of not to exceed 2 mills on the assessed valuation of said county each year for a period of not to exceed 10 years, for the purpose of creating a sinking fund to be used for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of public buildings; provided the proposition of levying such tax to create such sinking fund shall be submitted to the electors of the county and approved by a majority of those voting thereon in the manner provided in this act.

History: 1926, Ex. Sess., Act 14, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1926;—CL 1929, 1256;—CL 1948, 141.51.

141.52 Tax referendum procedure.

Sec. 2. Whenever the board of supervisors of any county shall by resolution vote in favor of levying a tax to create a sinking fund as provided in section 1 of this act, the question of levying such tax shall be submitted to the electors of the county at the general November election, the annual spring election, or at any special election called for that purpose, subsequent to the passage of such resolution by the board of supervisors. A copy of such resolution shall be served upon the sheriff of the county by the county clerk. It shall be the duty of the sheriff at least 20 days prior to the date of the election, at which such question shall be submitted to the electors, to cause to be delivered to the township clerk in each township, and to the city clerk in each city in his county, a notice in writing that at such election there will be submitted to the electors of such county the question of raising the amount prescribed in the resolution passed by the board of supervisors, and to cause the same to be published in 1 or more newspapers printed and circulating in said county, if one be printed and circulated therein, at least once during each of 2 consecutive weeks before said election.

History: 1926, Ex. Sess., Act 14, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1926;—Am. 1927, Act 184, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;—CL 1929, 1257;—CL 1948, 141.52.

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141.53 Requisite notices.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the township clerk or city clerk upon receipt of the notice herein required, to give notice in writing under his hand of the time and place when such question will be submitted to the electors. Such township clerk or city clerk shall cause such notice to be posted up in at least 5 of the most public places in the said township or in 5 of the most public places in each ward of said city at least 10 days before said election.

History: 1926, Ex. Sess., Act 14, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1926;—Am. 1927, Act 184, Eff. Sept. 5, 1927;—CL 1929, 1258;—CL 1948, 141.53.

141.54 Ballots; form, contents, distribution, counting; authorizing vote; levy.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the board of election commissioners of such county to prepare the necessary ballots for the use of the electors in voting upon the question referred to in this act. The said question shall be printed upon a ballot separate and distinct from all other ballots, which ballot shall be in the following form:

Instruction to Voter.

Mark a cross in the square to the left of the word “Yes” or “No.”

“To authorize the board of supervisors to levy a tax of ..... each year for a period of ..... years, to create a sinking fund to be used for .....

..... [ ]“Yes”.

..... [ ]“No”.

There shall be inserted in the above blanks the amount of the tax to be assessed each year, not exceeding 2 mills in any case, the number of years for which the tax is to be levied and the purpose for which the sinking fund to be created shall be used. The ballots so prepared shall be distributed by the board of election commissioners within the same time and in the same manner that ballots are distributed prior to a general

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election. All ballots upon which an elector marks a cross in the square to the left of the word “Yes,” shall be counted in favor of levying the tax stated in the resolution of the board of supervisors, and all ballots upon which an elector marks a cross in the square to the left of the word “No”, shall be counted against the question of levying the tax stated in the resolution of the board of supervisors. All ballots cast at any election on such question, shall be received, counted, canvassed and returned in the manner now governing for the election of county officers. If at any election a majority of the electors voting on such question shall decide in favor of authorizing the board of supervisors to levy the tax in the amount and for the period of years set forth in said resolution, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to levy said tax, commencing with the next annual tax roll following said election and continuing for the full period of years as set forth in said resolution.

History: 1926, Ex. Sess., Act 14, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1926;—CL 1929, 1259;—CL 1948, 141.54.

141.55 Sinking fund control.

Sec. 5. The sinking fund to be created under the provisions of this act shall be under the control of the board of county sinking fund commissioners provided by Act No. 42 of the Public Acts of 1913, the same being sections 2386 to 2396 of the Compiled Laws of 1915, or provided by Act No. 161 of the Public Acts of 1923, subject to the supervision and direction of the board of supervisors.

History: 1926, Ex. Sess., Act 14, Imd. Eff. Mar. 13, 1926;—CL 1929, 1260;—CL 1948, 141.55.

Compiler's note: For provisions of Act 42 of 1913, referred to in this section, see MCL 141.11 et seq. For provisions of Act 161 of 1923 , also referred to in this section, see MCL 141.31 et seq.

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