

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §31-15A-16

## **§31-15A-16. Dedication of severance tax proceeds.**

(a) There shall be dedicated an annual amount from the collections of the tax collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code for the construction, extension, expansion, rehabilitation, repair and improvement of water supply and sewage treatment systems and for the acquisition, preparation, construction and improvement of sites for economic development in this state as provided in this article.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, beginning on July 1, 1995, the first \$16 million of the tax collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code shall be deposited to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter: Provided, That beginning on July 1, 1998, the first \$24 million of the tax annually collected pursuant to article thirteen-a of this code shall be deposited to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter: Provided, however, That subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions and constraints prescribed by subsection (c) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2013, the amount deposited under this subsection to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter shall be the first \$23 million of the tax annually collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code: Provided further, That subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions and constraints prescribed by subsection (c) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2015, the amount deposited under this subsection to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter shall be the first \$22.5 million of the tax annually collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code: And provided further, That subject to the conditions, limitations, exclusions and constraints prescribed by subsection (c) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2016, the amount deposited under this subsection to the credit of the West Virginia Infrastructure General Obligation Debt Service Fund created pursuant to section three, article fifteen-b of this chapter shall be an amount of the tax first collected in the fiscal year pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code, equal to the annual debt service necessary to pay principle, and interest and to ultimately retire bonds over their scheduled amortization life, in accordance with the provisions of article fifteen-b of this chapter. Such annual debt service amount shall be determined in accordance with a debt amortization table to be published by the Treasurer, not later than April 1, 2016, and subject to amendment, from time to time, as the Treasurer considers necessary. In no case may the amount so deposited in any fiscal year exceed \$22.25 million of the tax annually collected pursuant to article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (b) of this section to the contrary: (1) None

of the collections from the tax imposed pursuant to section six, article thirteen-a, chapter eleven of this code shall be so dedicated or deposited; and (2) the portion of the tax imposed by article thirteen-a, chapter eleven and dedicated for purposes of Medicaid and the Division of Forestry pursuant to section twenty-a of said article shall remain dedicated for the purposes set forth in said section.

(d) On or before May 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 1995, the council, by resolution, shall certify to the Treasurer and the Water Development Authority the principal and interest coverage ratio and amount for the following fiscal year on any infrastructure general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of article fifteen-b of this chapter.