WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §31-15A-17

§31-15A-17. Water development authority empowered to issue infrastructure revenue bonds and refunding bonds; creation of infrastructure revenue debt service fund; funding of infrastructure revenue debt service fund; requirements and manner of such issuance.

(a) To accomplish the purpose and intent of this article, the water development authority is hereby empowered at the written request of the council to issue from time to time infrastructure revenue bonds of the state in such principal amounts as the council deems necessary to make loans and loan guarantees and other forms of financial assistance to project sponsors for one or more projects or infrastructure projects: Provided, That the water development authority may not issue any such bonds, other than refunding bonds, unless the council by resolution determines that the aggregate cost of the projects or infrastructure projects expected to be constructed during any annual period exceeds (1) the projected annual infrastructure revenues for the same period, and (2) the principal and interest payments not otherwise pledged to the infrastructure revenue debt service fund that are due the water development authority on all outstanding loans previously made by the water development authority pursuant to the provisions of this article.

(b) The proceeds of infrastructure revenue bonds shall be used solely for the purpose of making loans and loan guarantees and other forms of financial assistance to sponsors of one or more projects or infrastructure projects, and shall be deposited in one or more special accounts with the trustee under the trust agreement securing such bonds and disbursed from time to time for projects or infrastructure projects in accordance with this article: Provided, That notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, twenty percent of the funds deposited in the special account shall be dedicated for the purpose of providing funding for costs of infrastructure projects as defined in subsection (l), section two, of this article.

(c) The water development authority may not authorize the disbursement of any proceeds of infrastructure revenue bonds unless it has received documentation from the council pursuant to the provisions of section ten of this article.

(d) There is hereby created in the water development authority a special fund which shall be designated and known as the "West Virginia Infrastructure Revenue Debt Service Fund," into which shall be transferred solely from the loan repayments deposited in the infrastructure fund the amounts certified by the director of the water development authority as necessary to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on infrastructure revenue bonds and any reserve requirements, subject to the terms of any agreement with the holders of the infrastructure revenue bonds. All amounts deposited in the West Virginia infrastructure revenue debt service fund shall be pledged to the repayment of the principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, on any infrastructure revenue bonds authorized by this article: Provided, That amounts on deposit in the fund may be used to establish or

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maintain reserves created for the purposes of securing such infrastructure revenue bonds. The pledge shall be valid and binding from the time the pledge is made, and the West Virginia infrastructure revenue debt service fund so pledged shall immediately be subject to the lien of the pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and the lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the water development authority irrespective of whether the parties have notice thereof.

(e) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this article or by resolution of the water development authority, every issue of infrastructure revenue bonds shall be special obligations of the water development authority payable solely from amounts in the West Virginia infrastructure revenue debt service fund, and the reserves created for this purpose by the water development authority, without preference or priority among the bonds regardless of when issued, subject only to any agreements with the holders of any bonds to the contrary. All such bonds are hereby declared to be negotiable instruments.

(f) Infrastructure revenue bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the water development authority. These bonds shall bear such dates and shall mature at such times, in case of any note or renewal thereof not exceeding five years from the date of issue of the original note, and in the case of any bond not exceeding fifty years from the date of issue, as the resolution may provide. Infrastructure revenue bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates, including variable rates, shall be taxable or tax-exempt, shall be in the denominations, shall be in registered form, shall carry the registration privileges, shall be payable in the medium and place of payment, and shall be subject to the terms of redemption as the water development authority may authorize. Infrastructure revenue bonds may be sold by the water development authority at public or private sale at the price the water development authority determines in consultation with the council. Infrastructure revenue bonds shall be executed by the chairman and the vice chairman of the water development authority, either or both of whom may use a facsimile signature. The official seal of the water development authority or a facsimile thereof shall be affixed thereto or printed thereon and attested by manual or facsimile signature by the secretary-treasurer of the water development authority. If any officer whose signature, or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any infrastructure revenue bond ceases to be such officer before delivery of such bond, such signature or facsimile is nevertheless sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if he or she had remained in office until such delivery, and if the seal of the water development authority has been changed after a facsimile has been imprinted on such bond, the facsimile will continue to be sufficient for all purposes.

(g) Any resolution authorizing any infrastructure revenue bonds may contain provisions, subject to any agreement with bondholders or noteholders which may then exist, which agreements shall be part of the contract with the holder thereof, with respect to the pledge of or other use and disposition of amounts in the infrastructure revenue debt service fund; the setting aside of reserve funds; the disposition of any assets of the water development authority; limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of bonds may be applied; the authorization of notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds; an agreement of

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the water development authority to do all things necessary for the authorization, issuance and sale of such bonds in such amounts as may be necessary for the timely retirement of such notes; limitations on the issuance of additional bonds; the terms upon which additional bonds may be issued and secured; the refunding of outstanding bonds and the renewal of outstanding notes; the procedures, if any, by which the terms of any contract with bondholders or noteholders may be amended or abrogated; the amount of bonds the holders of which must consent thereto and the manner in which such consent may be given; and any other matter which in any way affects the security for or protection of the bonds.

(h) In the event that the sum of all reserves pledged to the payment of the bonds is less than the minimum reserve requirements established in any resolution or resolutions authorizing the issuance of the bonds, the chairman or the director of the water development authority shall certify, on or before December 1, of each year, the amount of such deficiency to the Governor of the state for inclusion, if the Governor shall so elect, of the amount of such deficiency in the budget to be submitted to the next session of the Legislature for appropriation to the water development authority to be pledged for payment of such bonds: Provided, That the Legislature shall not be required to make any appropriations so requested, and the amount of such deficiencies shall not constitute a debt or liability of the state.

(i) Neither the officers or board members of the water development authority, nor any person executing the infrastructure revenue bonds, shall be liable personally on the bonds or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

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