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Introduced by Senator Emmons

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1265**

AN ACT to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 18c (MCL 247.668c).

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 18c. (1) A county may borrow money and issue bonds to pay all or any portion of the cost of the construction or reconstruction of highways, including limited access highways, which by law a county road commission is authorized to construct or reconstruct, or participate with any other county road commission, city, or village in the construction or reconstruction of, including the construction or the enlargement, reconstruction, or relocation of existing highways and the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way for those highways, and all work incidental to the construction or reconstruction, which bonds shall be issued only upon the written recommendation or approval of the county road

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commission, and the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of the county board of commissioners of the county. The resolution shall briefly describe the contemplated highway construction project, the estimated cost of the project, and the amount, maximum rate of interest, and maturity dates of the bonds to be issued and the form of the bonds. The resolution shall contain an irrevocable appropriation providing for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds from the money received or to be received by the county road commission from the Michigan transportation fund, except to the extent the money has been pledged by contract in accordance with 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, before July 1, 1957, for the construction or financing of limited access highways, and except to the extent the moneys have been pledged before July 1, 1957, for the payment of notes issued under 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254. A contractual pledge made before July 1, 1957, in accordance with the provisions of 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, and a pledge made before July 1, 1957, for the payment of promissory notes under 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, shall have and retain its priority of lien or charge against the money distributed by law to the county road commission from the Michigan transportation fund, as contemplated by those acts, and as provided in the contract or resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes under those acts. A pledge made after June 30, 1957, by a county road commission under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, or 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, shall have equal standing and priority with a pledge made after June 30, 1957, by the county road commission under this act. The total aggregate amount of bonds that may be issued by a county under this section shall not exceed the amount that will be serviced as to their maximum annual principal and interest requirements by an amount equal to 20% of the moneys received by the county road commission of the county from the Michigan transportation fund during the fiscal year immediately preceding the issuance of the bonds. Bonds may be issued under this section as separate issues or series with different dates of issuance but the aggregate of the bonds shall be subject to the limitations set forth in this act. As additional security for the payment of the bonds, a county, upon adoption of a resolution by a majority of the members of its county board of commissioners, may agree on behalf of the county that if the funds pledged for the payment of the bonds are at any time insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds as the same become due, the county treasurer shall be obligated to advance sufficient money from the general fund of the county to make up the deficiency, and reimbursement shall be made from the first subsequent revenues received by the county road commission from the Michigan transportation fund not pledged or required to be set aside and used for the payment of the principal and interest on bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness.

(2) The total annual amount that may be pledged by a county road commission for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued pursuant to this section, or the payment of contributions as required by a contract entered into in accordance with section 18d, which contributions are pledged for the payment of bonds, together with total maximum debt service requirements for payment of notes issued under 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, shall not exceed 50% of the total amount received by the county road commission from the Michigan transportation fund during the last completed fiscal year ending on June 30 before the issuance of a bond or note or the execution of a contract.

(3) Bonds issued under this section are subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Secretary of the Senate.

*Jay E. Randall*

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Governor.