

1973 Assembly Bill 857

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### CHAPTER 250, Laws of 1973

AN ACT to create 67.12 (12) (e) 5 to 7 of the statutes, relating to a referendum on borrowing or promissory notes by vocational, technical and adult education districts.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

67.12 (12) (e) 5 to 7 of the statutes are created to read:

67.12 (12) (e) 5. Within 10 days of the adoption by a vocational, technical and adult education district board of a resolution to incur an indebtedness under this section for the purchase or construction of buildings or for additions, enlargements or improvements to buildings or for the acquisition of sites or equipment, the secretary of the district board shall publish a notice of such adoption as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985. The notice need not set forth the full contents of the resolution, but shall state the amount proposed to be borrowed, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was adopted pursuant to this subsection and the place where and the hours during which the resolution can be inspected. The district board need not submit the resolution to the electors for approval unless within 30 days after the publication or posting there is filed with the secretary of the district board a petition requesting a referendum thereon at a special election. Such petition shall be signed by electors from each county lying wholly or partially within the district. The number of electors from each county shall equal at least 2.5% of the population of the county as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c), except if the district includes a city of the 1st class the petition shall be signed by electors from each county equal to at least 2% of the population of the county as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c). If a county lies in more than one district, the board of vocational, technical and adult education shall apportion the county's population as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c) to the districts involved and the petition shall be signed by electors equal to the appropriate percentage of the apportioned population. In lieu of a special election or a referendum under this subdivision, the district board may specify that the referendum shall be held at the next succeeding spring primary or election or September primary or general election. If a referendum is held, the resolution shall not be effective unless adopted by a majority of the district electors voting at such referendum. The referendum shall be noticed, called and conducted pursuant to s. 67.05 (6a) insofar as applicable, except that the notice of special election and ballot need not embody a copy of the resolution and the question which shall appear on the ballot shall be "Shall ....(name of district) borrow the sum of \$....

for (state purpose) by issuing its general obligation promissory note (or notes) pursuant to s. 67.12 (12), Wis. Stats.?"

6. When a vocational, technical and adult education district board adopts a resolution to borrow a sum for a stated purpose and a referendum on indebtedness is held and the question is approved at a referendum or a sufficient petition for a referendum on indebtedness is not filed within the time permitted in subd. 5 or if such petition is filed and the question is approved at a referendum, the power of the board to borrow such sum and expend the same for the purpose stated shall be deemed approved by the district electors upon the expiration of the time for filing the petition or accomplishment of the referendum, whichever is applicable.

7. Notes issued by vocational, technical and adult education districts under the authority of this subsection prior to the effective date of this act (1973) and without approval thereof by the electors of such districts shall not be deemed invalid because of the absence of such approval, and such notes are herewith declared to be valid and binding obligations of such district if in all other respects issued in accordance with the law pertaining thereto.

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