

REFERENDUM 14

BILL NUMBER

Chapter 158, Laws Extraordinary
Session, 1965

Official Ballot Title:*

BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

AN ACT Authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$16,500,000; providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature; appropriating proceeds therefrom for state matching funds for constructing public school plant facilities; and authorizing the State Board of Education to make certain contingent allocations of funds for public school construction.

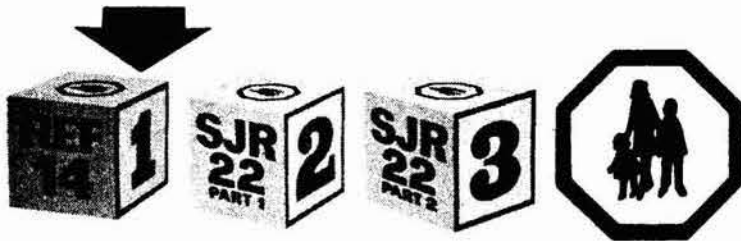
Vote Cast by members of the 1965 Legislature on final passage:

SENATE: (49 members) Yeas, 46; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 3.

HOUSE: (99 members) Yeas, 90; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 9.

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General.

Statement **FOR**



Ref. 14 is one of the three "building blocks" for a business-like program of school construction financing:

One of the three companion SPACE measures (see pages 20 and 22 for the other parts of this program) is Referendum 14 which provides immediate funds for local school construction. This emergency measure, along with the long-range solutions provided by SJR 22 (Parts 1 & 2), can assure a sound school construction financing program for the children of Washington State.

Today, no more funds are available from the state to assist already overburdened local school districts in financing the construction they must have. Otherwise, local property taxes will have to be increased . . . even doubled in some areas.

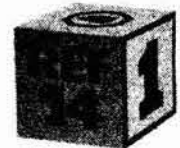
**Build the schools we must have—
and No New Taxes!**

Referendum 14 is a \$16½ million bond issue

which will be retired from an existing source of money freed by retirement of another bond issue. No new taxes whatever are required. This money plus another \$11 million (from SJR 22) will generate over \$55 million in school construction in all parts of the state.

SPACE is urgently required to meet the immediate needs of our enrollment explosion. Provide the educational facilities we must have and protect your property from crippling taxes . . . vote FOR Referendum 14 . . . support SPACE for children!

VOTE "YES"



Committee appointed to compose argument FOR Referendum 14:

GORDON HERR, State Senator; RICHARD KING, State Representative; FRANCIS E. HOLMAN, Chairman, SPACE. Advisory Committee: Statewide Parents And Citizens for Education, (SPACE) Area #5 Chairman (Spokane), James Winton; Area #4 Chairman, (Pasco) Mrs. Ruth Sheppard; Area #2 Chairman (Tacoma), Wally Hager.

*Explanatory comment issued by the
Attorney General as required by law*

The Law as it now exists:

Presently, elementary and secondary school construction and community college construction is financed by local school districts with assistance from the state. The amount of state assistance is determined by the State Board of Education in accordance with a statutory formula. A primary means by which the state obtains funds to allocate to local school districts for assistance in their building programs is through the issuance of general obligation bonds. Under the state constitution, no law authorizing the state to contract debt through the issuance of such bonds can take effect until it shall, at a general election, have been submitted to and approved by the people.

**Effect of Referendum Bill
No. 14 if approved into Law:**

If approved, the act will authorize the sale of general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$16,-

500,000. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be made available by the State Board of Education to local school districts as state assistance for construction of school plant facilities. The act provides for payment of the bonds from a portion of the proceeds of the retail sales tax and such other sources as may be authorized by the legislature, and in addition provides that the bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state for payment of the principal and interest thereon when due.

The act further authorizes the State Board of Education to make certain allocations of funds including monies in the common school construction fund. These allocations are declared not to be binding in the event of rejection by the people of either this bond referendum measure or the proposed constitutional amendment establishing the common school construction fund which is contained in Senate Joint Resolution No. 22—Part 1 (see discussion at pages 20, 21 herein).

Note: Complete text of Referendum Bill No. 14 starts on Page 35.

Statement **AGAINST**

This proposed state bond issue was passed by the Extraordinary Session of the 1965 Legislature without a single dissenting vote. Since no state senator or state representative disapproved, no official statement against this proposal could be obtained for publication in this pamphlet.

A. LUDLOW KRAMER, *Secretary of State*

COMPLETE TEXT OF

INITIATIVE MEASURE 233

Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:

REPEALING FREIGHT TRAIN CREW LAW

AN ACT regarding train crew requirements in the railroad industry; repealing a statute which prohibits operating freight trains having twenty-five or more cars with a crew of less than six, or light engines with a crew of less than three, outside yard limits and where more than two trains per day operate over the same line or part thereof; prohibiting the state from preventing railroads from manning freight trains in accordance with collective bargaining agreements or any national or other settlement of train crew size; and declaring that the size of passenger train crews shall not be affected thereby.

*Be it enacted by the people
of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1: RCW section 81.40.020 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: No law or order of any regulatory agency of this state shall prevent a common carrier by railroad from manning its freight trains in accordance with collective bargaining agreements or any national or other settlement of train crew size. The size of passenger train crews shall not be affected by this act.

SECTION 3: All acts or parts of acts in conflict with or in derogation of this act are hereby repealed insofar as the same are in conflict with, or in derogation of, this act or any part thereof.

Initiative Measure No. 233 filed in the office of the Secretary of State as of March 22, 1966.

Sponsors filed 166,866 supporting signatures as of July 6, 1966.

Canvass of signatures completed as of September 7, 1966 and petitions found sufficient. Measure then certified to the November 8, 1966 state general election ballot for approval or rejection by the voters.

A. LUDLOW KRAMER, *Secretary of State.*

COMPLETE TEXT OF

REFERENDUM BILL NUMBER 14

(CHAPTER 158, LAWS 1965, EX. SESSION)

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BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

AN ACT Authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$16,500,000; providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature; appropriating proceeds therefrom for state matching funds for constructing public school plant facilities; and authorizing the state board of education to make certain contingent allocations of funds for public school construction.

LEGISLATIVE TITLE

(Senate Bill No. 40)

PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES— FINANCING

AN ACT Relating to the public schools and the support thereof; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to provide for needed public school plant facilities; providing ways and means to pay said bonds; making appropriations; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. For the purpose of furnishing funds for state assistance in providing public school plant facilities, there shall be issued and sold, at any time prior to April 1, 1970, general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of sixteen million five hundred thousand dollars to be paid and discharged not more than twenty years after the date of issuance. The issuance, sale and retirement of said bonds shall be under the general supervision and control of the state finance committee.

The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the forms of such bonds; the provisions of sale of all or any portion or portions of such bonds; the terms, provisions, and covenants of said bonds, and the sale, issuance, and redemption thereof. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than the par value thereof.

The bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due.

The committee may provide that the bonds, or any of them, may be called prior to the maturity date thereof under such terms, conditions, and provisions as it may determine and may authorize the use of facsimile signature in the issuance of such bonds and upon any coupons attached thereto.

Such bonds shall be payable at such places as the state finance committee may provide.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized herein shall be deposited in the public school building construction account of the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act, and for payment of the expense incurred in the printing, issuance and sale of such bonds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The public school building bond redemption fund of 1965 is hereby created in the state treasury which fund shall be exclusively devoted to the retirement of the bonds and interest authorized by this act. The state finance committee shall, on or before June thirtieth of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet interest payments on and retirement of bonds authorized by this act. On July 1st of each year the state treasurer shall deposit such amount in the public school building bond redemption fund of 1965 from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the tax commission and certified by the tax commission to be sales tax collections and such amount certified by the state finance committee to the state treasurer shall be a prior charge against all retail sales tax revenues of the state of Washington, except that portion thereof heretofore pledged for the payment of bond principal and interest.

The owner and holder of each of said bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require and compel the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The legislature may provide additional means for raising funds for the payment of the interest and principal of the bonds authorized by this act and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The bonds herein authorized shall be fully negotiable instruments and shall be legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and all funds of municipal corporations, and shall be legal security for all state, county and municipal deposits.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act funds appropriated to the state board of education from the public school building construction account of the general fund shall be allotted by the state board of education in accordance with the provisions of sections 7 through 15, chapter 3, Laws of 1961, extraordinary session: PROVIDED, That no allotment shall be made to a school district for the purpose aforesaid until such district has provided funds for school building construction purposes through the issuance of bonds or through the authorization of excess tax levies or both in an amount equivalent to ten percent of its taxable valuation or such amount as may be required by the state board of education. The state board of education shall prescribe and make effective such rules and regulations as are necessary to equate insofar as possible the efforts made by school districts to provide capital funds by the means aforesaid.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated from the public school building construction account of the general fund, from the proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, to carry out the purposes of this act: To the state finance committee, sixteen thousand five hundred dollars; to the state board of education, sixteen million four hundred eighty-three thousand five hundred dollars.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. In accordance with the provisions of section 6, the state board of education is authorized to allocate the sum of \$27,753,500 (being (1) \$16,483,500 from the public school building construction account including \$7,403,500 for new community colleges authorized by the 1965 legislature, and (2) \$11,270,000 from the common school construction fund): PROVIDED, That such allocations shall not be binding upon the state in the event that either this act or Senate Joint Resolution No. 22, 1965 extraordinary session, is rejected by the people: PROVIDED FURTHER, That expenditures against such allocations shall not exceed the amounts appropriated in this act and in chapter 153, Laws of 1965, extraordinary session (ESSB 42) during the 1965-1967 fiscal biennium, or the amounts then currently appropriated for these purposes by future legislatures.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. This act shall be submitted to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the general election to be held in this state on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1966, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the state Constitution; and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the state Constitution, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

Passed the Senate May 6, 1965.

Passed the House May 6, 1965.

Approved by the Governor May 12, 1965.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

REFERENDUM BILL NUMBER

15

(CHAPTER 172, LAWS 1965, EX. SESSION)

Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:

BONDS FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

AN ACT Authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$40,575,000; appropriating proceeds therefrom to finance certain specified capital improvements for the state institutions of higher education, the department of institutions, the department of natural resources, and other state agencies; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged retail sales tax revenue or other means authorized by the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE TITLE

(Substitute Senate Bill No. 41)

**BUILDINGS—HIGHER EDUCATION—STATE
AGENCIES—FINANCING**

AN ACT Relating to state government and the support thereof; authorizing the issuance and sale