



# Referendum Bill 27

CHAPTER 128, LAWS OF 1972  
(42nd Leg., 2nd Ex. Session)

NOTE: New special toll-free telephone service offered to voters requesting in-depth information on state measures. See page 5 for details.

## Bonds for Water Supply Facilities

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$75,000,000 to provide funds for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of water supply facilities; designating the state department of ecology as the agency responsible for disbursement of the bond proceeds, subject to prior legislative appropriations; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged state retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature.

Vote cast by members of the 1972 Legislature on final passage:  
HOUSE: (99 members) Yeas, 66; Nays, 30; Absent or not voting, 3.  
SENATE: (49 members) Yeas, 34; Nays, 14; Absent or not voting, 1.

## Statement for

### Let's Be Certain of A Sufficient Water Supply!

Referendum 27 will provide financial assistance to local governments for (1) improving drinking water quality, (2) increasing water supply for homes and industry and (3) developing irrigation lands for food and fiber production.

### Safe For Human Consumption

Many of Washington's public water supply systems today are without adequate quality control facilities to guarantee safe or acceptable drinking water at all times. This results in periodic occurrences of dirty or contaminated water, water with high mineral content, or taste and odor problems that make it undesirable or unacceptable for domestic or industrial purposes.

### Sufficient For Homes, Jobs and Food

Some public water supply systems have not been able to construct facilities adequate to meet peak water demands. This results in rationing water for lawn irrigation, low water pressure, occasional disruption of service and inability to provide for good fire protection or industrial development.

Current estimates show Washington's irrigation developments by 1980 will fall short of providing our share of the nation's food and fiber requirements by about 400,000 acres.

Referendum 27 will provide \$75 million in state bonds, matched by \$200 million in federal and local funds, for planning and construction of improvements for water supply sources, water purification plants, water storage facilities and water distribution systems.

### Who Will Benefit From Passage of Referendum 27?

Communities, public water and irrigation districts of all sizes in all parts of the state will be eligible for Referendum 27 funds. Referendum 27, together with Referendums 26, 28, 29, 30 and 31, will neither require new taxes nor any increase in existing taxes. Bonds will be paid off by a portion of the growth in state general fund revenues from existing state taxes (not property taxes). This growth will come from project expenditures in the program itself enlarged by federal grants that otherwise could be lost for lack of matching funds and from new jobs and business stimulated by the program.

Referendum 27 is supported by: Association of Cities, Counties and Washington Environmental Council, together with many concerned citizens in industry, labor and agriculture.

*Committee appointed to compose statement FOR Referendum Bill No. 27:*

FRANCIS HOLMAN, State Senator; NAT WASHINGTON, State Senator; JERRY KOPET, State Representative.

*Advisory Committee:* PAUL PATTERSON, President, Washington State Association of Water Districts; EDWARD J. FISCHER, President, Washington Public Utilities District Association; WILLIAM WOLFORD, President, Columbia Basin Development League; MRS. R. E. MARCHISIO, President, League of Women Voters of Washington; KEN BILLINGTON, Washington Public Utility District Association.

## The Law as it now exists:

Public water supply facilities within the state are presently provided by certain local governmental bodies and state agencies. New or improved facilities are financed from whatever local, state or federal funds are available for that purpose.

At its 1972 special session, the legislature enacted a law providing for the issuance of state general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$75,000,000 to provide funds for the planning, acquisition, construction and improvement of water supply facilities at both the state and local levels. Water supply facilities are defined by this law to mean municipal, industrial and agricultural water supply and distribution systems. Under the state constitutional debt limitation, however, this law cannot take effect until it has been referred to and approved by the people at a general election.

tered by the state department of ecology. This department will be authorized to use these funds to accomplish the purposes for which the bonds are issued either by means of direct expenditures or by grants or loans to qualified public bodies, including grants of "matching funds" to public bodies in any case where federal, local or other funds are made available on a matching basis for improvements which are within the purposes of the act. Among the "public bodies" which would be eligible for such grants or loans would be the state itself, or any agency, political subdivision, taxing district, or municipal corporation thereof; in addition, this term would include those Indian tribes which are recognized as such by the federal government for participation in the federal land and water conservation program and which may constitutionally receive grants or loans from the state of Washington.

The act provides for payment of these bonds from a portion of the proceeds of the state retail sales tax and from such other sources as may be authorized by the legislature. In addition, it provides that the bonds shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state for payment of the principal and interest thereon when due.

## Effect of Ref. Bill No. 27 if approved into Law:

If approved, this act will authorize the issuance and sale of the general obligation bonds described above at any time prior to January 1, 1980. However, these bonds will be offered for sale during this period only after the legislature has made an appropriation of the proceeds of the bonds to be sold. No appropriation of these proceeds for the current (1971-73) biennium would be made by this act.

When the bonds are sold the funds derived therefrom will be adminis-

*NOTE: Ballot title and the above explanatory comment were written by the Attorney General as required by state law. Complete text of Referendum Bill No. 27 starts on Page 75.*

## Statement against

No member of the 1972 Legislature could be enlisted by the Speaker, House of Representatives, or by the President, State Senate, to write a statement against Referendum Bill No. 27 for publication in this pamphlet.

thorized to prescribe the form, terms, conditions, and covenants of the bonds, the time or times of sale of all or any portion of them, and the conditions and manner of their sale and issuance. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than their par value.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. When the state finance committee has decided to issue such bonds or a portion thereof, it may, pending the issuing of such bonds, issue, in the name of the state, temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of such bonds, which notes shall be designated as "anticipation notes." Such portion of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds as may be required for such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on such anticipation notes which have been issued. The bonds and notes shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The state finance committee may authorize the use of a printed facsimile of the seal of the state of Washington in the issuance of the bonds and notes.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. The waste disposal facilities bond redemption fund is created in the state treasury. This fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The state finance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet such bond retirement and interest requirements, and on July 1st of each year the state treasurer shall deposit such amount in the waste disposal facilities bond redemption fund from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the state department of revenue and certified by the department to be sales tax collections. 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 the bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 10. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized herein, and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 11. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds, or for funds under state control, and for all funds of any other public body.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 12. There is appropriated to the state department of ecology, from the state and local improvements revolving account out of the proceeds of sale of the bonds or notes authorized herein, for the period from the effective date of this act through June 30, 1973, the sum of ten million dollars for use by said department for grants to public bodies as state matching funds for the purpose of aiding in the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of waste disposal facilities.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 13. Sections 1 through 11 of this act are added to Title 43 RCW.

Passed the House February 18, 1972.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1972.

Approved by the Governor February 25, 1972.

COMPLETE TEXT OF

## Referendum Bill

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CHAPTER 128, LAWS OF 1972

(42nd Leg., 2nd Ex. Session)

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:*

### Bonds for Water Supply Facilities

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$75,000,000 to provide funds for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of water supply facilities; designating the state department of ecology as the agency responsible for disbursement of the bond proceeds, subject to prior legislative appropriations; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged state retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE TITLE

(House Bill No. 187)

### WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES BONDS

AN ACT relating to state and local government and the support thereof; authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds to provide for needed water supply facilities throughout the state; providing ways and means to pay said bonds; providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people; adding new sections to Title 43 RCW; and creating a new section.

*BE IT ENACTED, By the Legislature  
of the State of Washington:*

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. The long-range development goals for the state of Washington must include the provision of those supportive public services necessary for the development and expansion of industry, commerce, and employment including the furnishing of an adequate supply of water for domestic, industrial, and agricultural purposes.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing funds for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of water supply facilities within the state, the state finance committee is authorized to issue, at any time prior to January 1, 1980, general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of seventy-five million dollars or so much thereof as may be required to finance the improvements defined in this act and all costs incidental thereto. These bonds shall be paid and discharged within twenty years of the date of issuance or within thirty years should Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington be amended to permit such longer term. No bonds authorized by this act shall be offered for sale without prior legislative appropriation of the proceeds of such bonds to be sold.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. The proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this act, and any interest earned on the

interim investment of such proceeds, shall be deposited in the state and local improvements revolving account hereby created in the general fund and shall be used exclusively for the purpose specified in this act and for payment of the expenses incurred in the issuance and sale of the bonds.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds deposited in the state and local improvements revolving account of the general fund under the terms of this act shall be administered by the state department of ecology subject to legislative appropriation. The department may use or permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized under this act to accomplish the purpose for which said bonds are issued by direct expenditures and by grants or loans to public bodies, including grants to public bodies as matching funds in any case where federal, local, or other funds are made available on a matching basis for improvements within the purposes of this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. As used in this act, the term "water supply facilities" shall mean municipal, industrial, and agricultural water supply and distribution systems including, but not limited to, all equipment, utilities, structures, real property, and interests in and improvements on real property, necessary for or incidental to the acquisition, construction, installation, or use of any municipal, industrial, or agricultural water supply or distribution system.

As used in this act, the term "public body" means the state of Washington, or any agency, political subdivision, taxing district, or municipal corporation thereof, and those Indian tribes now or hereafter recognized as such by the federal government for participation in the federal land and water conservation program and which may constitutionally receive grants or loans from the state of Washington.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. 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, 1972, in accordance with the provisions of section 3, Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington, and in accordance with the provisions of section 1, Article II of the Constitution of the state of Washington, as amended, and the laws adopted to facilitate the operation thereof.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 7. The state finance committee is authorized to prescribe the form, terms, conditions, and covenants of the bonds, the time or times of sale of all or any portion of them, and the conditions and manner of their sale and issuance. None of the bonds herein authorized shall be sold for less than their par value.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 8. When the state finance committee has decided to issue such bonds or a portion thereof, it may, pending the issuing of such bonds, issue, in the name of the state, temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of such bonds, which notes shall be designated as "anticipation notes." Such portion of the proceeds of the sale of such bonds as may be required for such purpose shall be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on such anticipation notes which have been issued. The bonds and notes shall pledge the full faith and credit of the state of Washington and shall contain an unconditional promise to pay the principal and interest when due. The state finance committee may authorize the use of a printed facsimile of the seal of the state of Washington in the issuance of the bonds and notes.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 9. The water supply facilities bond redemption fund is created in the state treasury. This fund shall be exclusively devoted to the payment of interest on and retirement of the bonds authorized by this act. The state fi-

nance committee shall, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet such bond retirement and interest requirements, and on July 1st of each year the state treasurer shall deposit such amount in the water supply facilities bond redemption fund from moneys transmitted to the state treasurer by the state department of revenue and certified by the department to be sales tax collections. 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 the bonds or the trustee for any of the bonds may by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding require the transfer and payment of funds as directed herein.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 10. The legislature may provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized herein, and this act shall not be deemed to provide an exclusive method for such payment.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 11. The bonds herein authorized shall be a legal investment for all state funds or for funds under state control and for all funds of any other public body.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 12. Sections 1 through 11 of this act are added to Title 43 RCW.

Passed the House February 18, 1972.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF

## Referendum Bill

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CHAPTER 129, LAWS OF 1972

(42nd Leg., 2nd Ex. Session)

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:*

### **Bonds for Public Recreation Facilities**

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$40,000,000 to provide funds for the planning, acquisition, preservation, development, and improvement of recreation areas and facilities; designating the interagency committee for outdoor recreation to be responsible for disbursement of the bond proceeds, subject to prior legislative appropriations; and providing for payment of the bonds from unpledged state retail sales tax revenues or other means authorized by the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE TITLE  
(House Bill No. 189)

**PUBLIC RECREATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS**