



# Referendum Bill 29

CHAPTER 130, 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.

## Health, Social Service Facility Bonds

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$25,000,000 to provide funds for planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of health and social service facilities; designating the department of social and health services to be responsible for disbursement of the 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, 75; Nays, 22; Absent or not voting, 2.  
SENATE:—(49 members) Yeas, 34; Nays, 14; Absent or not voting, 1.

## Statement for

### Let's Provide Needed Community Health and Rehabilitative Services

Referendum 29 is a citizen-inspired, \$25 million State Tax Revenue Bond proposal to form the base of a \$75 million comprehensive community health and rehabilitation facilities plan.

Our state and its communities are moving toward more effective programs to treat our elderly, disabled, retarded and other citizens requiring help. The funds from Referendum 29 will provide an opportunity to move rapidly to community based treatment facilities that are needed to reduce dependency, suffering and, at the same time, reduce costs of less effective institutional treatment.

These community facilities will provide better treatment programs and an opportunity for unification of services that will provide rehabilitation at lower costs to the tax payers.

### What Passage of Referendum 29 Will Provide

Referendum 29 can provide community based facilities to serve the mentally retarded; "multi-service" centers containing health, mental health, day care, senior citizen, public assistance and other service programs; corrections centers serving both adult and juvenile offenders; drug and alcoholism treatment centers; vocational rehabilitation centers, "sheltered workshops", mobile service units and "group homes".

### How Referendum 29 Will Work

Funds for the benefits provided through Referendum 29 will be disbursed through the State and through local and regional agencies with the advice of local citizens groups and following approval by the legislature. Referendum 29 together with Referendums 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31 will neither require new taxes nor any increase in existing taxes. They will be paid off by a portion of 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.

*Committee appointed to compose statement FOR Referendum Bill No. 29:*

JONATHAN WHETZEL, State Senator; PAUL CONNER, State Representative; BILL KISKADDON, State Representative.

*Advisory Committee:* J. VERNON WILLIAMS, Chairman, Advisory Committee, Social and Health Services; DAVID G. SPRAGUE; MRS. SAMUEL L. GALLAND, Member, Executive Board, Spokane Alcoholism Coordinating Council; BETTY HORNE, Member, Executive Committee, State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council; HAROLD LITTLE, President, Washington Association of Retarded Children.

## The Law as it now exists:

Health and social service facilities within the state are presently provided by certain local governmental bodies and state and federal 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 \$25,000,000 to provide funds for the planning, acquisition, construction and improvement of health and social service facilities at both the state and local levels. 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.

## Effect of Ref. Bill No. 29 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 biennium (1971-73) would be made by this act.

The act calls for the development of a comprehensive plan for health and social service facilities, including facilities for social services, adult and juvenile correction or detention, child welfare, day care, drug abuse and alco-

holism treatment, mental health, public health, developmental disabilities and vocational rehabilitation.

When the bonds are sold the funds derived therefrom will be administered by the state department of social and health services. 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.

*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. 29 starts on Page 78.*

## 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. 29 for publication in this pamphlet.

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 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.

Passed the Senate February 17, 1972.

Approved by the Governor February 25, 1972.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF

## Referendum Bill

# 29

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#### Health, Social Service Facility Bonds

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LEGISLATIVE TITLE  
(House Bill No. 190)

#### SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICE 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 social and health service 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 physical and mental health of the people of the state directly affects the achievement of economic progress and full employment. The establishment of a system of regional and community health and social service facilities will provide the improved and convenient health and social services needed for an efficient work force and a healthy and secure people.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing funds for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of health and social service facilities in this 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 twenty-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 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 social and health services, subject to legislative appropriation. The department shall prepare a comprehensive plan for a system of social and health service facilities for the state and may use or permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized under this act to accomplish such plan 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 "social and health service facilities" shall mean real property, and interests therein, equipment, buildings, structures, mobile units, parking facilities, utilities, landscaping, and all incidental improvements and appurtenances, developed as a part of a comprehensive plan for a system of social and health service facilities for the state including, without limitation, facilities for social services, adult and juvenile correction or detention, child welfare, day care, drug abuse and alcoholism treatment, mental health, public health, developmental disabilities, and vocational rehabilitation.

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 accord-

ance 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 social and health service 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 1 of each year the state treasurer shall deposit such amount in the social and health service 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 shall be added to Title 43 RCW.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF

## Referendum Bill

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CHAPTER 132, LAWS OF 1972

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

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General:*

### Bonds for Public Transportation Improvements

AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale of state general obligation bonds in the sum of \$50,000,000 to provide funds for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of public transportation systems; designating the state department of highways 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  
(Sub. House Bill No. 324)

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT 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 public transportation improvements 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; making an appropriation; 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 development and improvement of systems of public transportation to serve the citizens, businesses, and industries of the state. To assist in the attainment of these goals, it is essential that innovative technology be developed and utilized in order to provide the most convenient service at the least possible cost. Employment of the knowledge, techniques and skills within the existing industrial, scientific and technical community of the state of Washington is hereby encouraged to be directed toward this end.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. For the purpose of providing funds for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of public transportation systems in this 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 fifty 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