

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Local Government Debt Reform Act is amended
5 by changing Section 17.5 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 350/17.5)

7 Sec. 17.5. Bond authorization by referendum.

8 (a) Whenever applicable law provides that the
9 authorization of or the issuance of bonds is subject to either
10 a referendum or backdoor referendum, the approval, once
11 obtained, remains (i) for 5 years after the date of the
12 referendum or (ii) for 3 years after the end of the petition
13 period for a backdoor referendum. However, whenever the
14 applicable law provides that the authorization of or the
15 issuance of bonds under the Water Pollution Control Loan
16 Program or the Public Water Supply Loan Program, under Title
17 IV-A of the Environmental Protection Act, is subject to either
18 a referendum or backdoor referendum, the approval, once
19 obtained, remains (i) for 7 years after the date of the
20 referendum or (ii) for 5 years after the end of the petition
21 period for a backdoor referendum. In the case of bonds
22 authorized to be issued under the Downstate Forest Preserve
23 District Act and approved by Lake County voters in a November

1 2008 referendum, the approval, once obtained, remains for 10
2 years after the date of the referendum. In the case of bonds
3 authorized to be issued under the Counties Code and approved by
4 Jackson County voters in a 1994 referendum, of which less than
5 \$200,000 of the original bonds have been issued, and for which
6 the purpose of the bonds is flooding prevention, the approval,
7 once obtained, remains for 25 years after the date of the
8 referendum.

9 (b) With respect to any bond approval under subsection (a),
10 if, for any reason, the bonds are not issued because of a court
11 action, then the time limits set forth under subsection (a) for
12 the approval for the bonds is tolled during the time that the
13 court action is pending. This subsection (b) applies to any
14 bond issuance approved by referendum held on or after January
15 1, 2003 or by a backdoor referendum held on or after January 1,
16 2005.

17 (Source: P.A. 96-826, eff. 11-25-09; 97-364, eff. 8-15-11.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.