VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 819

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-1.7, 9-6.25:1, 10.1-630, 10.1-631, and 58.1-608.3 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal §§ 15.1-227.4, 15.1-227.5, 15.1-227.46, and 22.1-161.6 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the State Council on Local Debt and the State Treasurer.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 2.1-1.7, 9-6.25:1, 10.1-630, 10.1-631, and 58.1-608.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 2.1-1.7. State councils.

A. There shall be, in addition to such others as may be established by law, the following permanent collegial bodies either affiliated with more than one agency or independent of an agency within the executive branch:

Adult Education and Literacy, Virginia Advisory Council for

Agricultural Council, Virginia

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems, Governor's Council on

Apprenticeship Council

Blue Ridge Regional Education and Training Council

Child Day Care and Early Childhood Programs, Virginia Council on

Child Day-Care Council

Citizens' Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion

Commonwealth Competition Council

Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, Virginia

Disability Services Council

Equal Employment Opportunity Council, Virginia

Health Services Cost Review Council, Virginia

Housing for the Disabled, Interagency Coordinating Council on

Human Rights, Council on

Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council

Indians, Council on

Interagency Coordinating Council, Virginia

Job Training Coordinating Council, Governor's

Land Evaluation Advisory Council

Local Debt, State Council on

Maternal and Child Health Council

Military Advisory Council, Virginia

Needs of Handicapped Persons, Overall Advisory Council on the

Prevention, Virginia Council on Coordinating

Public Records Advisory Council, State

Rate-setting for Children's Facilities, Interdepartmental Council on

Revenue Estimates, Advisory Council on

Southside Virginia Marketing Council

Specialized Transportation Council

State Health Benefits Advisory Council

Status of Women, Council on the

Technology Council, Virginia

Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program, Advisory Council on the

Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council.

B. Notwithstanding the definition for "council" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be referred to as councils:

Council on Information Management

Higher Education, State Council of

Independent Living Council, Statewide

Rehabilitation Advisory Council, Statewide

Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind, Statewide

World Trade Council, Virginia.

§ 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils.

There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch:

Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

Advisory Board for the Department for the Aging

Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect

Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid

Advisory Board on Occupational Therapy

Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine

Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers

Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy to the Board of Medicine

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure

Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates

Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program

Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board

Aquaculture Advisory Board

Art and Architectural Review Board

Board for the Visually Handicapped

Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station

Board of Forestry

Board of Military Affairs

Board of Rehabilitative Services

Board of Transportation Safety

Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund

Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation

Board on Veterans' Affairs

Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board

Cave Board

Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board

Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board

Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board

Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia

Commonwealth Competition Council

Council on Indians

Council on the Status of Women

Debt Capacity Advisory Committee

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

Falls of the James Committee

Film Office Advisory Board

Forensic Science Advisory Board

Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board

Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Problems

Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee

Hemophilia Advisory Board

Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council

Industrial Development Services Advisory Board

Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled

Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise

Laboratory Services Advisory Board

Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board

Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College

Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College

Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Local Advisory Board to the Rappahannock Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College

Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College

Maternal and Child Health Council

Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles

Medical Board of the Virginia Retirement System

Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board

Motor Vehicle Dealer's Advisory Board

Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board

Personnel Advisory Board

Plant Pollination Advisory Board

Private College Advisory Board

Private Enterprise Commission

Private Security Services Advisory Board

Psychiatric Advisory Board

Radiation Advisory Board

Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board

Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia

Reforestation Board

Retirement System Review Board

Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board

Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board

Small Business Advisory Board

Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board

St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee

State Advisory Board on Air Pollution

State Advisory Board for the Virginia Employment Commission

State Building Code Technical Review Board

State Council on Local Debt

State Health Benefits Advisory Council

State Insurance Advisory Board

State Land Evaluation Advisory Council

State Networking Users Advisory Board

State Public Records Advisory Council

Statewide Independent Living Council

Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council

Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind

Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee

Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board

Tourism and Travel Services Advisory Board

Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations

Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy

Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board

Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board

Virginia Commission for the Arts

Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution

Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board

Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention

Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council

Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council

Virginia Military Advisory Council

Virginia Public Buildings Board

Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council

Virginia Technology Council

Virginia Transplant Council

Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board

Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board

Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board.

§ 10.1-630. Type of indebtedness incurred or bonds issued.

The type of indebtedness incurred or bonds issued shall be that adopted by the governing body of the

watershed improvement district and approved by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and the State Council on Local Debt.

§ 10.1-631. Annual tax for payment of interest or to amortize indebtedness or bonds.

The governing body of the watershed improvement district shall, if necessary to pay the interest on the indebtedness or bonds or to amortize such indebtedness or bonds in a manner approved by the State Council on Local Debt, levy an annual tax or service charge in the manner prescribed by § 10.1-626 on all the real estate in the watershed improvement district subject to local taxation, to satisfy such obligations. This tax, irrespective of any approvals required pursuant to § 10.1-614, shall be sufficient to pay interest and to amortize such indebtedness or bonds at the times required.

§ 58.1-608.3. Entitlement to certain sales tax revenues.

A. As used in this section, the following words and terms have the following meanings, unless some other meaning is plainly intended:

"Bonds" means any obligations of a municipality for the payment of money.

"Cost," as applied to any public facility or to extensions or additions to any public facility, includes: (i) the purchase price of any public facility acquired by the municipality or the cost of acquiring all of the capital stock of the corporation owning the public facility and the amount to be paid to discharge any obligations in order to vest title to the public facility or any part of it in the municipality; (ii) expenses incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the public facility; (iii) the cost of plans and specifications, surveys and estimates of costs and of revenues; (iv) the cost of all land, property, rights, easements and franchises acquired; (v) the cost of improvements, property or equipment; (vi) the cost of engineering, legal and other professional services; (vii) the cost of construction or reconstruction; (viii) the cost of all labor, materials, machinery and equipment; (ix) financing charges; (x) interest before and during construction and for up to one year after completion of construction; (xi) start-up costs and operating capital; (xii) payments by a municipality of its share of the cost of any multi-jurisdictional public facility; (xiii) administrative expense; (xiv) any amounts to be deposited to reserve or replacement funds; and (xv) other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the financing of the public facility. Any obligation or expense incurred by the public facility in connection with any of the foregoing items of cost may be regarded as a part of the cost.

"Municipality" means any county, city, town, authority, commission, or other public entity.

"Public facility" means (i) any auditorium, coliseum, convention center, or conference center, which is owned by a Virginia county, city, town, authority, commission, or other such public entity and where exhibits, meetings, conferences, conventions, seminars, or similar public events may be conducted or (ii) any hotel which is owned by a foundation whose sole purpose is to benefit a state-supported university and which is attached to and is an integral part of such facility, together with any lands reasonably necessary for the conduct of the operation of such events. However, such public facility must be located in a city with a population of at least 95,000 but no more than 100,000. Any property, real, personal, or mixed, which is necessary or desirable in connection with any such auditorium, coliseum, convention center, or conference center, including, without limitation, facilities for food preparation and serving, parking facilities, and administration offices, is encompassed within this definition. However, structures commonly referred to as "shopping centers" or "malls" shall not constitute a public facility hereunder. In addition, only a new public facility, or a public facility which will undergo a substantial and significant renovation or expansion, shall be eligible under subsection B of this section. A new public facility is one whose construction began after December 31, 1991. A substantial and significant renovation entails a project whose cost is at least fifty percent of the original cost of the facility being renovated and shall have begun after December 31, 1991. A substantial and significant expansion entails an increase in floor space of at least fifty percent over that existing in the preexisting facility and shall have begun after December 31, 1991.

"Sales tax revenues" means such tax collections realized under the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.) of Title 58.1, as limited herein. "Sales tax revenues" does not include the revenue generated by the one-half percent sales and use tax increase enacted by the 1986 Special Session of the General Assembly which shall be paid to the Transportation Trust Fund as defined in § 33.1-23.03:1, nor shall it include the one percent of the state sales and use tax revenue distributed among the counties and cities of the Commonwealth pursuant to § 58.1-638 D on the basis of school age population.

B. Subject to the requirements of subsection D of this section, Any municipality which has issued bonds after December 31, 1991, but before January 1, 1996, to pay the cost, or portion thereof, of any public facility shall be entitled to all sales tax revenues generated by transactions taking place in such public facility. Such entitlement shall continue for the lifetime of such bonds, which entitlement shall not exceed thirty years, and all such sales tax revenues shall be applied to repayment of the bonds. The State Comptroller shall remit such sales tax revenues to the municipality on a quarterly basis, subject to such reasonable processing delays as may be required by the Department of Taxation to calculate the actual net sales tax revenues derived from the public facility. The State Comptroller shall make such remittances to eligible municipalities, as provided herein, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the Virginia Retail Sales and Use Tax Act (§ 58.1-600 et seq.). No such remittances shall be made

until construction is completed and, in the case of a renovation or expansion, until the governing body of the municipality has certified that the renovation or expansion is completed.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the pledging of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or any of its revenues, for the payment of any bonds. Any appropriation made pursuant to this section shall be made only from sales tax revenues derived from the public facility for which bonds may have been issued to pay the cost, in whole or in part, of such public facility.

D. The State Council on Local Debt shall develop guidelines to assist municipalities in developing feasibility studies to demonstrate that the public facility projects are financially sound, as well as setting forth the format by which such projects shall reflect their flow of funds, projected revenues, and the schedule by which any obligations will be satisfied. No municipality shall be entitled to receive any sales tax revenues from the State Comptroller unless the State Council on Local Debt shall have reviewed and approved the debt service structure and feasibility of the municipality's project.

2. That §§ 15.1-227.4, 15.1-227.5, 15.1-227.46, and 22.1-161.6 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.