SENATE BILL 513

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO MAKE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR SENIOR CITIZEN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, FOR HIGHER EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, FOR WATER PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS, FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS, FOR OTHER STATE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY; PROVIDING FOR A TAX LEVY FOR PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, INTEREST ON AND CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO THE BONDS; REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE 2006 GENERAL ELECTION OF THE STATE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE.--For the purpose of providing funds .161065.1

for capital expenditures as authorized in the 2006 Capital
Projects General Obligation Bond Act, general obligation
indebtedness of the state is authorized for the purposes and in
the amounts set forth in Section 10 of that act.

Section 3. BOND TERMS.--

- A. The state board of finance, except as limited by the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, shall determine the terms, covenants and conditions of bonds issued pursuant to that act, including but not limited to:
- (1) date or dates of issue, denominations and maturities;
 - (2) principal amounts;
 - (3) rate or rates of interest; and
- (4) provisions for redemption, including premiums, registration and refundability, whether the bonds are issued in one or more series and other covenants relating to the bonds and the issuance thereof.
- B. The bonds shall be in such form as the state board of finance determines with an appropriate series designation and shall bear interest payable as set forth in the resolution of the state board of finance.
- C. Payment of the principal of the bonds shall begin not more than two years after the date of their issuance, and the bonds shall mature not later than ten years after the date of their issuance. Both principal and interest shall be .161065.1

payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the paying agent within or without the state as the state board of finance may direct.

- D. The bonds shall be executed with the manual or facsimile signature of the governor or the state treasurer, and the seal or a facsimile of the seal of the state shall be placed on each bond, except for any series of bonds issued in book entry or similar form without the delivery of physical securities.
- E. The bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, the Supplemental Public Securities Act and the Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act and may be issued in accordance with the Public Securities Short-Term Interest Rate Act.
- F. The full faith and credit of the state is pledged for the prompt payment when due of the principal of and interest on all bonds issued and sold pursuant to the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act.

Section 4. EXPENDITURES.--The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be expended solely for providing money to be distributed for the purposes and in amounts not to exceed the amounts set forth in Section 10 of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act and to pay expenses incurred under Section 6 of that act. Any proceeds from the sale of the bonds .161065.1

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that are not required for the purposes set forth in Sections 6 and 10 of that act shall be used for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds.

SALE.--The bonds authorized under the 2006 Section 5. Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be sold by the state board of finance at such time and in such manner and amounts as the board may elect. The bonds may be sold at private sale or at public sale, in either case at not less than par plus accrued interest to the date of delivery. If sold at public sale, the state board of finance shall publish a notice of the time and place of sale in a newspaper of general circulation in the state and may also publish the notice in a recognized financial journal outside the state. The required publications shall be made once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date fixed for the sale, the last publication thereof to be at least five days prior to the date The notice shall specify the amount, of the sale. denomination, maturity and description of the bonds to be offered for sale and the place, date and hour at which the sealed bids shall be received. At the time and place specified in the notice, the state board of finance shall open the bids in public and shall award the bonds to the bidder or bidders offering the best price for the bonds. The state board of finance may reject any or all bids and readvertise and may waive any irregularity in a bid. All bids, except that of the .161065.1

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state, shall be accompanied by a deposit of two percent of the principal amount of the bonds in a form acceptable to the state board of finance. The deposit of an unsuccessful bidder shall be returned upon rejection of the bid. The state board of finance may also sell the bonds or any part of the bonds to the state treasurer or state investment officer. The state treasurer or state investment officer is authorized to purchase any of the bonds for investment. The bonds are legal investments for any person or board charged with the investment of any public funds and may be accepted as security for any deposit of public money.

Section 6. EXPENSES. -- The expenses incurred by the state board of finance in or relating to the preparation and sale of the bonds shall be paid out of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, and all rebate, penalty, interest and other obligations of the state relating to the bonds and bond proceeds under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be paid from earnings on bond proceeds or other money of the state, legally available for such payments.

Section 7. TAX LEVY.--To provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act, there shall be and there is hereby imposed and levied during each year in which any of the bonds are outstanding an ad valorem tax on all property in the state

subject to property taxation for state purposes sufficient to pay the interest as it becomes due on the bonds, together with an amount sufficient to provide a sinking fund to pay the principal of the bonds as it becomes due and, if permitted by law, ad valorem taxes may be collected to pay administrative costs incident to the collection of such taxes. The taxes shall be imposed, levied, assessed and collected at the times and in the manner that other property taxes for state purposes are imposed, levied, assessed and collected. It is the duty of all tax officials and authorities to cause these taxes to be imposed, levied, assessed and collected.

Section 8. TREASURER--DUTIES.--The state treasurer shall keep separate accounts of all money collected pursuant to the taxes imposed and levied pursuant to the provisions of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act and shall use this money only for the purposes of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due and any expenses relating thereto.

Section 9. IRREPEALABLE CONTRACT--AUTHORITY FOR
ISSUANCE.--An owner of bonds issued pursuant to the provisions
of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act may,
either at law or in equity, by suit, action or mandamus,
enforce and compel the performance of the duties required by
that act of any officer or entity mentioned in that act. The
provisions of that act constitute an irrepealable contract with
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the faithful performance of which the full faith and credit of the state is pledged. Without reference to any other act of the legislature, the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act is full authority for the issuance and sale of the bonds authorized in that act, and such bonds shall have all the qualities of investment securities under the Uniform Commercial Code, shall not be invalid for any irregularity or defect in the proceedings for the issuance and sale of the bonds and shall be incontestable in the hands of bona fide purchasers or holders thereof for value. All bonds issued under the provisions of that act, and the interest thereon, are exempt from taxation by the state and any subdivision or public body thereof.

the owners of any of the bonds issued pursuant to that act for

Section 10. PROJECTS.--The proceeds from the sale of bonds issued under the provisions of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be distributed as follows for the purposes and in the amounts specified:

A. for senior citizen facility improvements and construction, to the aging and long-term services department:

- (1) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to make improvements to the Acoma senior center in Cibola county;
- (2) fifty-two thousand dollars (\$52,000) to make improvements to the Melrose senior center in Curry county;
 - (3) two hundred twenty thousand dollars

1	(\$220,000) to make improvements to the Old Mesilla senior
2	center in Dona Ana county;
3	(4) one hundred forty thousand dollars
4	(\$140,000) to make improvements to La Loma senior center in
5	Guadalupe county;
6	(5) one hundred forty thousand dollars
7	(\$140,000) to make improvements to the Hobbs senior center in
8	Lea county;
9	(6) ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) to
10	make improvements to the Crownpoint senior center in the Navajo
11	Nation in McKinley county;
12	(7) eighty-three thousand six hundred ninety-
13	three dollars (\$83,693) to make improvements to senior centers
14	throughout Rio Arriba county;
15	(8) seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to
16	make improvements to the Pueblo of Santa Ana senior center in
17	Sandoval county;
18	(9) five hundred sixty-two thousand dollars
19	(\$562,000) to construct a new senior facility in Pecos in San
20	Miguel county;
21	(10) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
22	to complete construction of the Magdalena senior center in
23	Socorro county; and
24	(11) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to make
25	improvements to the Pueblo of Picuris senior center in Taos
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- B. for higher educational capital improvements and acquisitions, to the higher education department:
- (1) four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) to develop the site for, plan, design, construct and equip a college of education building at the university of New Mexico in Albuquerque in Bernalillo county;
- (2) three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to develop the site for, plan, design, construct and equip the renovation of Burris hall at New Mexico highlands university in Las Vegas in San Miguel county;
- (\$10,500,000) to develop the site for, plan, design, construct and equip the Felix Martinez building at New Mexico highlands university in Las Vegas in San Miguel county;
- (4) twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) for infrastructure renovation and expansion at New Mexico highlands university in Las Vegas in San Miguel county;
- (5) three million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) to develop the site for, plan, design, construct and equip an education building at Luna community college in Las Vegas in San Miguel county;
- (6) seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to develop the site for, plan, design, construct and equip a fine arts center at Luna community college in Las Vegas in San .161065.1

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- (7) thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for infrastructure renovation and expansion at institutions of higher learning and constitutional special schools statewide;
- eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to (8) purchase and install information technology and related infrastructure at institutions of higher learning statewide;
- eighteen million two hundred fifty (9) thousand dollars (\$18,250,000) to make accessibility and safety improvements to comply with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 at institutions of higher learning statewide; and
- two million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) for phase 2 purchase and installation of digital equipment to allow KNME television station to comply with the federal communications commission mandate for public television stations nationwide;
- C. for water projects statewide, to the water project fund, twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to carry out the provisions of the Water Project Finance Act to ensure water use efficiency, resource conservation and protection and fair distribution and allocation of New Mexico's water resources for beneficial purposes of use within the state;
- D. for public library acquisitions, to the cultural affairs department, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) .161065.1

to acquire library books, equipment and library resources for public school and academic libraries statewide;

- E. for state facilities and equipment, to the capital program fund, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to renovate, repair, purchase equipment and make other capital improvements to state facilities statewide; and
- F. for educational technology for public schools, to the educational technology fund, five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to purchase and install educational technology in public schools statewide for the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Technology for Education Act.

Section 11. ELECTION. --

- A. Bonds issued pursuant to the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be submitted to the registered voters of the state at the general election to be held in November 2006, and, if they receive a majority of all the votes cast thereon at such election, shall take effect upon certification of the state canvassing board announcing the results of such election. No bonds shall be issued or sold under that act until the registered voters of this state have voted upon and approved the bonds and property tax as provided in this section. Any bonds issued under that act shall be issued within thirty months from the date of such election.
- B. The ballots used at the 2006 general election shall contain substantially the following language:

Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of senior citizen facility improvement and construction bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed two million one hundred five thousand six hundred ninety-three dollars (\$2,105,693) to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvements and construction projects and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For_____ Against____"

Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of higher educational capital improvement and acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed one hundred twelve million seven hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$112,712,000) to make capital expenditures for certain higher educational capital improvements and acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For	Against	";

Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of water project improvement bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed twenty million ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$20,098,000) to make capital expenditures to ensure water use efficiency, resource conservation and protection and fair distribution and allocation of New Mexico's water resources for beneficial purposes of use within the state and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

For_____ Against_____"

Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of public library acquisition bonds. Shall the state be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed five million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000) to make capital expenditures for public library acquisitions and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as permitted by law?

1	For Against";			
2	(5) "The 2006 Capital Projects General			
3	Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of state			
4	facility improvement and equipment bonds. Shall the state be			
5	authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not			
6	to exceed ten million one hundred thousand dollars			
7	(\$10,100,000) to make capital expenditures for state building			
8	and provide for a general property tax imposition and levy for			
9	the payment of principal of, interest on and expenses incurred			
10	in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the collection			
11	of the tax as permitted by law?			
12	For Against";			
13	and			
14	(6) "The 2006 Capital Projects General			
15	Obligation Bond Act authorizes the issuance and sale of public			
16	school technology bonds. Shall the state be authorized to			
17	issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed five			
18	million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000) to make			
19	capital expenditures for educational technology acquisitions			
20	for public schools statewide and provide for a general property			
21	tax imposition and levy for the payment of principal of,			
22	interest on and expenses incurred in connection with the			
23	issuance of the bonds and the collection of the tax as			
24	permitted by law?			
25	For Against".			
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- C. Each question set forth in this section includes a specific work or object to be financed by the bonds. If any such question is not approved by a majority vote of the electorate at the state's 2006 general election, the issuance of bonds for the work or object specified by the question shall be excluded from and shall not be part of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act. The failure of a question to be approved by the electorate at the 2006 general election shall not affect those questions that are approved at the election.
- The secretary of state shall include the submission of the capital projects general obligation bonds to the people at the 2006 general election, and it shall be included in the general election proclamation of each of the county clerks. The secretary of state shall cause the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act to be published in full in at least one newspaper in each county of the state if one be published therein, once each week, for four successive weeks next preceding the general election as required by the constitution of New Mexico.

Section 12. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES. -- Pursuant to Section 13-4A-4 NMSA 1978 and where applicable, the appropriations authorized in the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act include money for the art in public places fund.

Section 13. PROJECT SCOPE--EXPENDITURES--REVERSION.--.161065.1

A. If an appropriation for a project authorized in the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act is not sufficient to complete all the purposes specified, the appropriation may be expended for any portion of the purposes specified in the appropriation. Expenditures shall not be made for purposes other than those specified in the appropriation.

B. The state agencies and state institutions to which money has been appropriated in the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act shall be responsible for monitoring the projects funded in that act to ensure compliance with the constitution and laws of New Mexico, and shall cause to be reverted any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the earlier of the third full fiscal year after issuance of the bonds or the termination or completion of the specific project. Reverted funds shall be deposited in the debt service fund established by the state treasurer for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the state's general obligation bonds.

Section 14. SEVERABILITY.--If any part or application of the 2006 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act is held invalid, the remainder or its application to other situations or persons shall not be affected.

Section 15. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.