

AN ACT concerning local government.

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

Section 5. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act is amended by changing Sections 5.2 and 9.6a as follows:

(70 ILCS 2605/5.2) (from Ch. 42, par. 324L)

Sec. 5.2. Where used in this law, "budget year" shall mean the fiscal year for which a budget is made. "Current year" shall mean the fiscal year in progress, i.e., the fiscal year next preceding the budget year. "Preceding year" shall mean the fiscal year preceding the current year.

The "Clerk" shall mean that officer so designated as provided in Section 4.

"Fund" shall mean a sum of money or other resources set aside for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations. A fund shall be a distinct financial or fiscal entity.

"Accountant" shall mean a public accountant or certified public accountant licensed under the laws of this State.

"Expenditure" shall mean the amount of obligations incurred either paid or to be paid from the appropriations for the budget year for all purposes, including current expenses,

retirement of debt, and capital outlays.

"Disbursement" shall mean the actual payment in cash for any purpose.

"Receipt" shall mean cash actually received and shall include appropriable cash on hand at the beginning of any specified year.

"Estimated receipt" shall mean cash estimated to be received within the budget year and shall include the cash surplus estimated to be appropriable at the beginning of the budget year.

"Cash basis" shall mean that system of accounting wherein revenues are accounted for when received in cash and expenditures are accounted for when paid.

"Accrual basis" shall mean that system of accounting wherein revenues are accounted for when earned or due, even though not collected, and expenditures are accounted for as soon as liabilities are incurred, whether paid or not.

"Function" (activity) of expenditure shall mean the particular purpose or group of services aimed at accomplishing a certain end for which an expenditure is made.

"Line Item" or item shall mean a particular type of expenditure within a class or related group of such expenditures, i. e., testing service, hospital service, towel and laundry service, within the class titled "Impersonal Services."

"Object" of expenditure shall mean specific articles, or

classes of things for which an expenditure is made, i. e., personal services, impersonal services, materials and supplies, machinery and equipment, fixed charges and any such other classes of articles or things as may be desirable.

"Character" of expenditure shall refer to the relationship of total expenditures to current, prior, and future fiscal periods, i. e., whether the expenditure is a current expense, provision for the retirement of debt, or a capital outlay.

"Organization units" shall be the administrative units of the district, i. e., departments, major sewage treatment plants, and such other operating units or groups of operating units as may be deemed desirable by the authorities of the Sanitary District.

The "committee on finance" shall be any committee so appointed and so designated by the board of commissioners for the purpose of considering financial matters affecting the district.

"Sinking Fund Requirements" shall mean the amounts that will be needed to pay interest on and principal of bonds.

"Construction Fund" shall mean the amounts to be used for paying the costs incurred for construction purposes.

"Construction Purposes" shall mean the replacement, remodeling, completion, alteration, construction, and enlargement, including alterations, enlargements and replacements which will add appreciably to the value, utility, or the useful life of sewage treatment works or flood control

facilities or water quality improvement projects, and additions therefor, pumping stations, tunnels, conduits and intercepting sewers connecting therewith, and outlet sewers together with the equipment and appurtenances necessary thereto, and for the acquisition of the sites and rights of way necessary thereto, and for engineering expenses for designing and supervising the construction of the works above described, and for removal of the rock ledge in the bed of the Des Plaines River (Illinois Waterway) through the City of Joliet.

Prior to the commencing of work involved in the removal of the rock ledge in the bed of the Des Plaines River formal approval shall be obtained for the design and plans for accomplishing this work from the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, and the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago, its agents, successors or assigns shall save the State of Illinois harmless from any and all claims of whatever nature which may arise as a result of or in consequence of any work which may be performed by the District.

The rights, powers, and authorities granted in this Act shall be subject to the provisions of Section 18 of the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

It is the intent and purpose of this Act to provide a legal basis which will authorize and require all Sanitary Districts organized under the provisions hereof to make and execute the

budgets of their Corporate Funds and Construction Funds in such manner that the budgets may be planned and balanced with receipts on an actual cash basis and expenditures on an accrual basis, and all definitions, terms, provisions and procedures set forth in this Act shall be thus construed as applied to corporate funds and construction funds.

(Source: P.A. 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

(70 ILCS 2605/9.6a) (from Ch. 42, par. 328.6a)

Sec. 9.6a. The corporate authorities of a sanitary district, in order to provide funds required for the replacing, remodeling, completing, altering, constructing and enlarging of sewage treatment works, water quality improvement projects, or flood control facilities, and additions therefor, pumping stations, tunnels, conduits, intercepting sewers and outlet sewers, together with the equipment, including air pollution equipment, and appurtenances thereto, to acquire property, real, personal or mixed, necessary for said purposes, for costs and expenses for the acquisition of the sites and rights-of-way necessary thereto, and for engineering expenses for designing and supervising the construction of such works, may issue on or before December 31, 2016, in addition to all other obligations heretofore or herein authorized, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness for such purposes in an aggregate amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed 3.35% of the equalized assessed valuation of all taxable property within the

sanitary district, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and local taxes previous to the issuance of any such obligations. Such obligations shall be issued without submitting the question of such issuance to the legal voters of such sanitary district for approval.

The corporate authorities may sell such obligations at private or public sale and enter into any contract or agreement necessary, appropriate or incidental to the exercise of the powers granted by this Act, including, without limitation, contracts or agreements for the sale and purchase of such obligations and the payment of costs and expenses incident thereto. The corporate authorities may pay such costs and expenses, in whole or in part, from the corporate fund.

Such obligations shall be issued from time to time only in amounts as may be required for such purposes but the amount of such obligations issued during any one budget year shall not exceed \$150,000,000 plus the amount of any obligations authorized by this Act to be issued during the 3 budget years next preceding the year of issuance but which were not issued, provided, however, that this limitation shall not be applicable to the issuance of obligations to refund bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, nor to obligations issued to provide for the repayment of money received from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the construction or repair of wastewater treatment works. Each ordinance authorizing the issuance of the obligations shall state the general purpose or

purposes for which they are to be issued, and the corporate authorities may at any time thereafter pass supplemental appropriations ordinances appropriating the proceeds from the sale of such obligations for such purposes.

The corporate authorities may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount necessary to provide funds to refund outstanding obligations issued pursuant to this Section, including interest accrued or to accrue thereon.

(Source: P.A. 92-726, eff. 7-25-02; 93-279, eff. 7-22-03.)

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