STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 9, 2025

Introduced by Sens. CLEARE, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT authorizing the creation of a state debt in the amount of twenty billion dollars, in relation to enacting the save public housing bond act of 2025 and providing for the submission to the people of a proposition or question therefor to be voted upon at the general election to be held in November, 2025

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The save public housing bond act of 2025 is enacted to read as follows:

SAVE PUBLIC HOUSING BOND ACT OF 2025

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "save public housing bond act of 2025".

§ 2. Creation of a state debt. The creation of a state debt to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate twenty billion dollars ($20,000,000,000) is hereby authorized to provide moneys for the single purpose of the capital needs of public housing statewide.

The legislature shall, by appropriate legislation and subject to such conditions as it may impose, make available out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized in this act, moneys disbursed or to be disbursed for state programs or state assistance payments toward the cost of such programs undertaken by or through a state or local agency, not-for-profit entity, or higher educational institutions, for the purpose of providing for the capital needs of public housing statewide.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ***italics*** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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§ 3. Bonds of the state. The state comptroller is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and sell bonds of the state in the amount of twenty billion dollars ($20,000,000,000) for the purpose of this act, subject to the provisions of article 5 of the state finance law. The aggregate principal amount of such bonds shall not exceed twenty billion dollars excluding bonds issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds theretofore issued for such purpose; provided, however, that upon any such refunding or repayment the total aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds may be greater than twenty billion dollars only if the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds to be issued shall not exceed the present value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds to be refunded or repaid. The method for calculating present value shall be determined by law.

§ 4. Consistency with federal tax law. Bonds issued pursuant to this act shall be issued as tax-exempt bonds for purposes of the federal internal revenue code and regulations thereunder. All actions taken pursuant to this act shall be reviewed for consistency with provisions of the federal internal revenue code and regulations thereunder, in accordance with procedures established in connection with the issuance of any bonds pursuant to this act which are intended to be federally tax exempt to preserve the federal tax exempt status of such bonds.

§ 5. Use of moneys received. The moneys received by the state from the sale of bonds sold pursuant to this act shall be expended pursuant to appropriations for the capital needs of public housing statewide.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the provisions of section one of this act shall not take effect unless and until this act shall have been submitted to the people at the general election to be held in November, 2025, and shall have received a majority of all votes cast for and against it at such election. Upon approval by the people section one of this act shall take effect immediately. The ballots to be furnished for the use of the voters upon the submission of section one of this act shall be in the form prescribed by the election law, and the proposition or question to be submitted shall be printed thereon in substantially the following form, namely, "Shall section one of chapter (here insert the number of the chapter) of the laws of 2025 known as the save public housing bond act of 2025, which provides for the capital needs of public housing statewide by authorizing the creation of state debt to provide moneys therefor in the amount of twenty billion dollars ($20,000,000,000), be approved?"