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AN ACT in relation to authorizing the city of Little Falls, in the county of Herkimer, to finance certain deficits by the issuance of bonds

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "city of Little Falls deficit financing act".

§ 2. The city of Little Falls, county of Herkimer, is hereby authorized to issue serial bonds, subject to the provisions of section 10.10 of the local finance law, on or before November 30, 2026, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed three million four hundred thousand dollars ($3,400,000) for the specific object or purpose of liquidating deficits in its general, golf, and water funds expected at the close of its fiscal year ending May 31, 2025, including the remaining principal amount of any budget, deficiency, and/or revenue anticipation notes outstanding at the time of said issuance of said serial bonds or notes authorized pursuant to this act. In anticipation of the issuance and sale of such serial bonds, bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued.

§ 3. The city of Little Falls shall be subject to the provisions of section 10.10 of the local finance law except that, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of paragraph d of section 10.10 of the local finance law, the city council of Little Falls shall make adjustments to the proposed budget consistent with any recommendations made by the state comptroller.

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

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§ 4. (a) For each fiscal year occurring during the time bonds and/or bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this act are outstanding, the mayor of the city of Little Falls shall prepare a quarterly report of summarized budget data depicting overall trends of actual revenues and budget expenditures for the entire budget rather than individual line items. Such budgetary reports shall compare revenue estimates and appropriations as set forth in such budget with the actual revenues and expenditures made to date. All such quarterly budgetary reports shall be accompanied by recommendations of the mayor setting forth any remedial action necessary or desirable to resolve any unfavorable budget variance including the over-estimation of revenues and the under-estimation of expenditures. Each such quarterly budgetary report shall be completed within thirty days after the end of each quarter and shall be submitted to each member of the common council of the city of Little Falls, the director of the division of the budget, the state comptroller, and the chairs of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee.

(b) For each fiscal year occurring during the time bonds and/or bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this act are outstanding, the mayor of the city of Little Falls shall also prepare a quarterly trial balance of general and special fund ledger accounts. Each such quarterly trial balance shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Each such quarterly trial balance shall be completed within thirty days after the end of each quarterly period and shall be submitted to each member of the common council of the city of Little Falls, the director of the division of the budget, the state comptroller, and the chairs of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee.

(c) Within ninety days of the issuance of any debt pursuant to this act and for each fiscal year thereafter during which such debt or any debt incurred to refund such debt is outstanding, the mayor of the city of Little Falls or other officer or officers responsible for the preparation of the tentative budget of the city of Little Falls, within thirty days after the final adoption of the budget for the next succeeding fiscal year, shall prepare a three-year financial plan covering the next succeeding fiscal year and the two fiscal years thereafter. The financial plan shall, at minimum, contain the information required to be provided in a three-year financial plan as prescribed by subdivision 10 of section 54 of the state finance law. Copies of the financial plan shall be provided to the mayor and chief fiscal officer of the city of Little Falls, the director of the budget, the state comptroller, the chair of the assembly ways and means committee and the chair of the senate finance committee. This financial plan requirement shall not apply to the extent the city of Little Falls is subject to a different multi-year financial plan requirement under state law.

(d) For each fiscal year occurring during the time bonds and/or bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this act are outstanding, the mayor or chief fiscal officer of the city of Little Falls shall notify the state comptroller at least fifteen days prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes or entering into any installment purchase contract and the state comptroller may review and make recommendations regarding the affordability to the city of Little Falls of any such proposed issuance or contract. The state comptroller may require the submission by the city of Little Falls of such information as the state comptroller shall deem necessary to complete such state comptroller's review.

§ 5. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.