

1 **TRUTH IN BONDING**

2 2007 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes**

5 Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill requires certain information be included in ballot propositions for bond  
10 elections.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires that the ballot proposition for bond elections include information about  
14 property tax increases required to service the bonds.

15 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **11-14-206**, as last amended by Chapter 83, Laws of Utah 2006

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23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. Section **11-14-206** is amended to read:

25 **11-14-206. Ballots -- Submission of ballot language -- Form and contents.**

26 (1) At least 75 days before the election, the governing body shall prepare and submit to  
27 the election officer:

28 (a) a ballot title for the bond proposition that includes the name of the local political  
29 subdivision issuing the bonds and the word "bond" or an identification of the type of bonds;

30 and

31 (b) a ballot proposition that meets the requirements of Subsection (2).

32 (2) (a) The ballot proposition shall include:

33 (i) the maximum principal amount of the bonds;

34 (ii) the maximum number of years from the issuance of the bonds to final maturity;

35 [~~and~~]

36 (iii) the general purpose for which the bonds are to be issued[-]; and

37 (iv) if issuance of the bonds will require the increase of the property tax imposed upon  
38 the average value of a residence by an amount that is greater than or equal to \$15 per year, the  
39 following information in substantially the following form:

40 "NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE DUE TO BOND ISSUANCE

41 Passage of the proposition means that the tax on a (insert the average value of a  
42 residence in the taxing entity rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) residence would  
43 increase \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year.

44 The tax on a (insert the value of a business having the same value as the average value  
45 of a residence in the taxing entity) business would increase \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year."

46 (b) The purpose of the bonds may be stated in general terms and need not specify the  
47 particular projects for which the bonds are to be issued or the specific amount of bond proceeds  
48 to be expended for each project.

49 (c) If the bonds are to be payable in part from tax proceeds and in part from the  
50 operating revenues of the local political subdivision, or from any combination of tax proceeds  
51 and operating revenues, the bond proposition shall indicate those payment sources, but need  
52 not specify how the bonds are to be divided between those sources of payment.

53 (d) (i) The bond proposition shall be followed by the words, "For the issuance of  
54 bonds" and "Against the issuance of bonds," with appropriate boxes in which the voter may  
55 indicate his choice.

56 (ii) Nothing in Subsection (2)(d)(i) prohibits the addition of descriptive information  
57 about the bonds.

58           (3) If a bond proposition is submitted to a vote on the same day as any other election  
59 held in the local political subdivision calling the bond election, the bond proposition may be  
60 combined with the candidate ballot in a manner consistent with Section 20A-6-301,  
61 20A-6-303, or 20A-6-402.

62           (4) The ballot form shall comply with the requirements of Title 20A, Chapter 6, Ballot  
63 Form.