

New York Municipal Debt Limit Exemption for Sewage Improvements Amendment, Proposal 3 (2013)

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The **New York Municipal Debt Limit Exemption for Sewage Improvements Amendment, Proposal 3**, is on the November 5, 2013 ballot in New York as an legislatively-referred constitutional amendment.

The measure would allow municipalities to continue exceeding their debt limits for sewage facilities.^[1] The amendment was sponsored in the legislature by Sen.

Jack Martins (R-7) as Senate Bill 4065 (http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=%0D%0A&bn=S4065&term=2013&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Votes=Y&Text=Y).

The state constitution currently exempts debt acquired as a result of construction or maintenance of sewage facilities from the constitutional debt limits of counties, cities, towns, and villages provided the debt was contracted on or after January 1, 1962, and before January 1, 2014. Proposal 3 would extend the exemption's time limit by ten years. The new exemption period would be from January 1, 1962, through January 1, 2024.^[2]

Text of measure

Ballot summary

The official ballot text reads as follows:^[2]

“ Exclusion of Indebtedness Contracted for Sewage Facilities

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution would extend for ten years, until January 1, 2024, the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits indebtedness contracted for the construction or reconstruction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved? ”

Constitutional changes

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Proposal 3



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Type:	Constitutional amendment
Constitution:	Article VIII, Section 5
Referred by:	New York Legislature
Topic:	Budgets
Status:	On the ballot

If approved, Proposal 3 would amend Article VIII, Section 5, subsection (E) of the Constitution of New York to read:^[3]

Article I, Section 9, subsection (E) would be amended to read:

E. Indebtedness contracted on or after January first, nineteen hundred sixty-two and prior to January first, two thousand ~~fourteen~~ twenty-four, for the construction or reconstruction of facilities for the conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage. The legislature shall prescribe the method by which and the terms and conditions under which the amount of any such indebtedness to be excluded shall be determined, and no such indebtedness shall be excluded except in accordance with such determination.

Support

The measure was sponsored by Senator Martins and was approved unanimously by the New York legislature in 2013.^[3]

Path to the ballot

See also: Amending the New York Constitution

According to the New York Constitution, a majority vote is required in two successive sessions of the New York State Legislature in order to qualify a measure for the statewide ballot.

The New York State Senate passed the amendment on May 22, 2013, with a vote of 61 to 0.^[4] The New York State Assembly passed the amendment on June 13, 2013, with a vote of 141 to 0.^[3]

Debt Limit Exemption for Sewage Improvements Amendment, S 4065 Senate Vote		
Result	Votes	Percentage
 Yes	61	100%
No	0	0%

Debt Limit Exemption for Sewage Improvements Amendment, S 4065 Assembly Vote		
Result	Votes	Percentage
 Yes	141	100%
No	0	0%

See also

- 2013 ballot measures
- New York 2013 ballot measures



External links

- New York Board of Elections (<http://www.elections.ny.gov/ProposedConsAmendments.html>)

References

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