

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 SB3200

Introduced 2/15/2018, by Sen. Martin A. Sandoval

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3615/3B.09

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.09

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the general powers of the Commuter Rail Board.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

- Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is amended by changing Section 3B.09 as follows:
- 6 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.09) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.09)
- 7 Sec. 3B.09. General Powers. In addition to any powers
- 8 elsewhere provided to the the Commuter Rail Board, it shall
- 9 have all of the powers specified in Section 2.20 of this Act
- 10 except for the powers specified in Section 2.20(a)(v). The
- 11 Board shall also have the power:
- 12 (a) to cooperate with the Regional Transportation
- 13 Authority in the exercise by the Regional Transportation
- 14 Authority of all the powers granted it by such Act;
- 15 (b) to receive funds from the Regional Transportation
- 16 Authority pursuant to Sections 2.02, 4.01, 4.02, 4.09 and 4.10
- of the "Regional Transportation Authority Act", all as provided
- in the "Regional Transportation Authority Act";
- 19 (c) to receive financial grants from the Regional
- 20 Transportation Authority or a Service Board, as defined in the
- 21 "Regional Transportation Authority Act", upon such terms and
- 22 conditions as shall be set forth in a grant contract between
- 23 either the Division and the Regional Transportation Authority

- or the Division and another Service Board, which contract or agreement may be for such number of years or duration as the parties may agree, all as provided in the "Regional Transportation Authority Act"; and
- 5 to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, extending, or improving any 6 7 Public Transportation Facilities (as defined in Section 1.03 of 8 the Regional Transportation Authority Act) operated by or to be 9 operated by or on behalf of the Commuter Rail Division. For the 10 purpose of evidencing the obligation of the Commuter Rail Board 11 to repay any money borrowed as provided in this subsection, the 12 Commuter Rail Board may issue revenue bonds from time to time 13 pursuant to ordinance adopted by the Commuter Rail Board, 14 subject to the approval of the Regional Transportation 15 Authority of each such issuance by the affirmative vote of 12 16 of its then Directors; provided that the Commuter Rail Board 17 may not issue bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, or improvement of a corporate 18 19 headquarters building. All such bonds shall be payable solely 20 from the revenues or income or any other funds that the Commuter Rail Board may receive, provided that the Commuter 21 22 Rail Board may not pledge as security for such bonds the 23 moneys, if any, that the Commuter Rail Board receives from the 24 Regional Transportation Authority pursuant to 25 4.03.3(f) of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum 26

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rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act and shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 25 years from their respective dates. Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph must be issued with scheduled principal or mandatory redemption payments in equal amounts in each fiscal year over the term of the bonds, with the first principal or mandatory redemption payment scheduled within the fiscal year in which bonds are issued or within the next succeeding fiscal year. At least 25%, based on total principal amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this Section shall be sold pursuant to notice of sale and public bid. No more than 75%, based on total principal amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this Section shall be sold by negotiated sale. The maximum principal amount of the bonds that may be issued and outstanding at any time may not exceed \$1,000,000,000. The bonds shall have all the qualities of negotiable instruments under the laws of this State. To secure the payment of any or all of such bonds and for the purpose of setting forth the covenants and undertakings of the Commuter Rail Board in connection with the issuance thereof and the issuance of any additional bonds payable from such revenue or income as well as the use and application of the revenue or income received by the Commuter Rail Board, the Commuter Rail Board may execute and deliver a trust agreement or agreements; provided that no lien upon any physical property of the Commuter Rail Board shall be created thereby. A remedy for any breach or default of the terms of any such trust agreement by

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the Commuter Rail Board may be by mandamus proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel performance and compliance therewith, but the trust agreement may prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action may be instituted. Under no circumstances shall any bonds issued by the Commuter Rail Board any other obligation of the Commuter Rail Board in connection with the issuance of such bonds be or become an indebtedness or obligation of the State of Illinois, the Regional Transportation Authority, or any other political subdivision of or municipality within the State, nor shall any such bonds or obligations be or become an indebtedness of the Commuter Rail Board within the purview of any constitutional limitation or provision, and it shall be plainly stated on the face of each bond that it does not constitute such an indebtedness or obligation but is payable solely from the revenues or income as aforesaid.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)