## HOUSE BILL NO. 372

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| INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.  |
| FIRST READING.   |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.  |
| PRINTING REPORT.   |
| SECOND READING, DO PASS.   |
| ENGROSSING REPORT.   |
| THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 81; NOES, 17.   |
| TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.   |
| THE SENATE   |
| INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.  |
| FIRST READING.   |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.  |
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| ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED UNTIL 53RD LEGISLATIVE DAY.  |
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| UNTIL 53RD LEGISLATIVE DAY.  SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.  THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.                     |
| UNTIL 53RD LEGISLATIVE DAY.  SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.  THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.  AYES, 44; NOES, 2. |
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

| MARCH 17, 1993 | REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.   |
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| MARCH 21, 1993 | SIGNED BY SPEAKER.   |
|                | IN THE SENATE  |
| MARCH 24, 1993 | SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.   |
|                | IN THE HOUSE   |
| MARCH 29, 1993 | DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.   |
| MARCH 31, 1993 | RETURNED FROM GOVERNOR WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS.                  |
| APRIL 12, 1993 | SECOND READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOM-<br>MENDED AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN. |
| APRIL 13, 1993 | THIRD READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOM-<br>MENDED AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.  |
|                | TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.   |
|                | IN THE SENATE  |
| APRIL 16, 1993 | SECOND READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOM-<br>MENDED AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN. |
| APRIL 17, 1993 | THIRD READING, GOVERNOR'S RECOM-<br>MENDED AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.  |
|                | IN THE HOUSE   |
| APRIL 19, 1993 | SENT TO ENROLLING.   |
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ISSUE SMALL DENOMINATION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE KNOWN AS "CITIZEN BONDS"; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-103,

7-7-2209, 7-7-2238, 7-7-2251, 7-7-2261, AND 7-7-2265, MCA." 7

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

- NEW SECTION. Section 1. Citizen bonds authorized. (1) 10 A county authorized to sell general obligation bonds under 11 this chapter may issue and sell a portion of the bonds in 12 denominations of less than \$5,000, either by competitive 13 public sale or directly to members of the public, at 14 15 preestablished interest rates.
- (2) Bonds issued under [sections 1 through 4] may be 16 known as "citizen bonds". 17
- (3) Citizen bonds may be issued for any purpose for 18 which a county may issue general obligation bonds. 19
- officer, employee, contracted financial (4) An consultant, or contracted adviser employed or retained by a county selling citizen bonds may not purchase those bonds. 22
- NEW SECTION. Section 2. Citizen bonds -- procedural 23 requirements prior to issuance. (1) Prior to the final 24 passage of the resolution provided for in 7-7-2238, a county 25

1 shall notify the attorney general of its intention to issue citizen bonds.

- (2) Prior to issuing citizen bonds, a county shall make 3 available to interested investors:
- (a) a preliminary official statement, a draft-form legal opinion from a recognized bond counsel, and a comparison to taxable yields at various income levels:
  - (b) application forms for the purchase of citizen bonds that must specify at a minimum:
- 10 (i) the time, date, and place that applications will be 11 received, the manner in which applications will be 12 processed, and the conditions under which the sale may be 13 canceled if the issue is not fully subscribed during the 14 application period;
- 15 (ii) the issue date, maturity dates, and the dates on which interest will be earned and paid; 16
- 17 (iii) the denominations of the bonds and the maximum 18 amount of the bonds that one buyer may purchase;
- 19 (iv) the approximate yield on the bonds if held to 20 maturity and the manner in which interest rates have been 21 calculated; and
- 22 (v) the provision made for the transfer of ownership of 23 outstanding bonds; and
- 24 (c) other information that the attorney general may 25 require.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Citizen bonds -- procedure when issue not fully subscribed. If an entire issue of bonds is not fully subscribed during the period of time that the county has set for the sale of the bonds, the citizen bonds may be sold in the manner permitted for other county general obligation bonds.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Zero-coupon bonds and capital appreciation bonds. The terms "zero-coupon bonds" and "capital appreciation bonds", as used in this part, mean those forms of bonds that do not make periodic interest payments but, rather, are sold at a discount from their face value.

Section 5. Section 7-7-103, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-7-103. Review by attorney general -- report -- review of citizen bonds. (1) The attorney general shall examine certified copies of all proceedings preliminary to the issuance of general obligation bonds by any county, city, or town which that are submitted to---him for examination, and if the proceedings are found to be regular and valid, he the attorney general shall deliver to the recording officer of the local government a report of his the examination and determination.

(2) A certified copy of the report shall must be filed with the officer required by law to register the bonds, and a notation of the filing shall must be entered in the bond register.

2 (3) Within 10 days of receipt of the notice provided
3 for in [section 2] and 7-7-4212, the attorney general may
4 impose any requirements he-considers considered necessary to
5 adequately protect both the issuing city or town and the
6 purchasers of the bonds."

7 Section 6. Section 7-7-2209, MCA, is amended to read:

\*\*7-7-2209. Types of bonds. All (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), bonds hereafter issued by any county shall must be either amortization bonds or serial bonds. All things being equal, amortization bonds shall must be issued in preference to serial bonds; otherwise, serial bonds may be issued.

14 (2) Citizen bonds may be amortization bonds, serial
15 bonds, term bonds, capital appreciation bonds, or
16 zero-coupon bonds, with no preference for amortization
17 bonds."

Section 7. Section 7-7-2238, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-7-2238. Resolution to issue bonds. (1) If a sufficient percentage of the qualified electors entitled to vote at such an election voted on such the question and a sufficient percentage of such votes were cast in favor of the issuing of such bonds as provided in 7-7-2237, the board of county commissioners shall, at a regular or special meeting held within 30 days thereafter after the election,

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pass and adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of such the bonds.

- (2) Such The resolution shall must recite:
- 4 (a) the purpose for which such the bonds are to be issued:
- 6 (b) the amount thereof of bonds to be issued:
- 7 (c) the maximum rate of interest the bonds may bear;
  - (d) the date they shall bear;

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- 9 (e) the period of time through which they shall-be are
  10 payable; and
- 11 (f) the optional provisions, if any.
  - (3) Such The resolution shall must provide for the manner of the execution of the bonds. He-shall The resolution must provide that, except in a bond issue of citizen bonds, preference shall must be given to amortization bonds, but it shall must fix the denomination of serial bonds in case it shall be is found advantageous to issue bonds in that form. The board may in its discretion provide that such the bonds may be issued and sold in two or more series or installments.
- 21 (4) The resolution shall must adopt a form of notice of 22 the sale of the bonds."
- 23 Section 8. Section 7-7-2251, MCA, is amended to read:
- 24 \*7-7-2251. Form of notice of sale of bonds. (1) The
  25 notice of sale shall must state the purpose or purposes for

- 1 which the bonds are to be issued and the amount proposed to
- 2 be issued for each purpose and shall must be substantially
- 3 in the following form:

#### 4 NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY BONDS

- 5 Notice is hereby given by the board of county
- 6 commissioners of .... County, state of Montana, that the
- 7 board will on the .... day of ...., 19.., at the hour of
- 8 .... at the office of the board in the courthouse in
- 9 the (town or city) of .... in the said county, sell to the
- 10 highest and best bidder for cash, either amortization or
- 11 serial bonds of the said county in the principal amount of
- 12 .... dollars (\$....) for the purpose of .....
- Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial
- bonds will be the second choice of the said board.
- 15 If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire
- 16 issue may be put into one single bond or divided into
- 17 several bonds, as the board may determine at the time of
- 18 sale, both principal and interest to be payable in
- 19 semiannual installments during a period of .... years from
- 20 the date of issue.
- 21 If serial bonds are issued and sold, they will be in the
- 22 amount of .... dollars (\$....) each and will become payable
- 23 according to the maturity schedule set forth below (set
- 24 forth maturity schedule adopted by the board of county
- 25 commissioners).

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| 1  | The bonds, whether amortization or serial bonds, will                 |
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| 2  | bear date of, 19, and will bear interest at a rate                    |
| 3  | not exceeding% per annum commencing on the day of                     |
| 4  | (month), 19, and payable semiannually on the day                      |
| 5  | of (month) and (month) in each year thereafter and                    |
| 6  | will be redeemable in full (here insert the optional                  |
| 7  | provisions, if any, to be recited in the bonds).                      |
| 8  | The bonds will be sold for not less than their par value              |
| 9  | with accrued interest to date of delivery, and all bidders            |
| 10 | must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will             |
| 11 | purchase the bonds at par. The board reserves the right to            |
| 12 | reject any and all bids and to sell the bonds at private              |
| 13 | sale.   |
| 14 | All bids other than by or on behalf of the board of                   |
| 15 | investments of the state of Montana must be accompanied by a          |
| 16 | certified check in the $\operatorname{sum}$ of dollars, (\$), payable |
| 17 | to the order of the clerk, which will be forfeited by the             |
| 18 | successful bidder in the event that he-shall-fail-or-refuse           |
| 19 | the bidder fails or refuses to complete the purchase of the           |
| 20 | bonds in accordance with the terms of his the bid.                    |
| 21 | All bids should must be addressed to the board of county              |
| 22 | .commissioners ofsaidcounty and delivered to the county               |
| 23 | clerk of-said-county.   |
| 24 | ATTEST:   |

| 1        | (Chairman, Board of County Commissioners)                    |
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| 2        | of County  |
| 3        | State of Montana   |
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| 5        | (Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners)                 |
| 6        | of County, Montana   |
| 7        | Address Montana  |
| В        | (2) The form of notice required under this section may       |
| 9        | be modified to accommodate changes necessary to issue        |
| 10       | citizen bonds pursuant to [sections 1 through 4]."           |
| 11       | Section 9. Section 7-7-2261, MCA, is amended to read:        |
| 12       | *7-7-2261. Maintenance of accounts for bond issues. (1)      |
| 13       | The county treasurer of each county shall keep in his the    |
| 14       | county's books a special and separate sinking fund account   |
| 15       | for each series or issue of outstanding bonds, including     |
| 16       | citizen bonds as provided in [sections 1 through 4], issued  |
| 17       | by his the county. Each such fund must at all times show the |
| 18       | exact condition thereof of the bonds.                        |
| 19       | (2) All taxes collected for interest and principal on        |
| 20       | county bonds shall must be placed to the credit of the       |
| 21       | sinking fund for which the taxes were levied.                |
| 22       | (3) Interest from investment of money in a sinking fund      |
| 23       | account may, in the discretion of the board of county        |
| 23<br>24 | commissioners, be used as it accrues to fulfill or complete  |
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- (4) The sinking fund shall must be administered as provided in 7-7-123, 7-7-124, and 7-7-2270.
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- made for the purpose of paying interest on and principal of each series or issue of bonds must be high enough to raise an amount sufficient to pay all interest on and so much of the principal, if any, of such the bonds as will become due and payable during the then-current fiscal year or within 90 days thereafter after the fiscal year, as such-amount-is shown by the treasurer's statement provided by 7-7-2264. If no part of the principal of such the bonds will become due and payable within such that time, then such the tax levy must be high enough to:
- (a) raise an amount sufficient to pay all interest which that will become due and payable during the current fiscal year or within 90 days thereafter after the fiscal

1 year; and

2 (b) to-also place in the sinking fund for such the
3 issue or series of bonds, for the payment of the principal
4 thereof when the-same it becomes due, an amount not less
5 than a sum produced by dividing the whole amount for which
6 such the series or issue of bonds were was originally issued
7 by the number of years for which the same--were series or
8 issue was originally issued to run.

9 (3) The annual levies made for the purpose of paying
10 off bonds that do not provide for periodic interest payments
11 but, rather, are sold at a discount from their face value,
12 as provided in [sections 1 through 4], must be actuarially
13 sufficient so that at the time for redemption, there is an
14 amount in the sinking fund sufficient to redeem the bonds."

NEW SECTION. Section 11. Codification instruction.

[Sections 1 through 4] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, apply to [sections 1 through 4].

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- Il serial bonds of the said county in the principal amount of
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| 5  | of (month) and (month) in each year thereafter and           |
| 6  | will be redeemable in full (here insert the optional         |
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| 9  | with accrued interest to date of delivery, and all bidders   |
| 10 | must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will    |
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| 21 | All bids should must be addressed to the board of county     |
| 22 | commissioners of-said-county and delivered to the county     |

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| 3  | State of Montana   |
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| 5  | (Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners)                 |
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(Chairman, Board of County Commissioners)

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- NEW SECTION. Section 11. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 4] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, apply to [sections 1 through 4].

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  this chapter may issue and sell a portion of the bonds in
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  public sale or directly to members of the public, at
  preestablished interest rates.
- (2) Bonds issued under [sections 1 through 4] may be known as "citizen bonds".
- (3) Citizen bonds may be issued for any purpose for which a county may issue general obligation bonds.
- 20 (4) An officer, employee, contracted financial
  21 consultant, or contracted adviser employed or retained by a
  22 county selling citizen bonds may not purchase those bonds.
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  - (b) application forms for the purchase of citizen bonds that must specify at a minimum:
  - (i) the time, date, and place that applications will be received, the manner in which applications will be processed, and the conditions under which the sale may be canceled if the issue is not fully subscribed during the application period;
  - (ii) the issue date, maturity dates, and the dates on which interest will be earned and paid;
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(2) A certified copy of the report shall must be filed with the officer required by law to register the bonds, and a notation of the filing shall must be entered in the bond

1 register.

2 (3) Within 10 days of receipt of the notice provided
3 for in <a href="[section 2] and 7-7-4212">[section 2] and 7-7-4212</a>, the attorney general may
4 impose any requirements he-considers considered necessary to
5 adequately protect both the issuing city or town and the
6 purchasers of the bonds."

Section 6. Section 7-7-2209, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-7-2209. Types of bonds. All (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), bonds hereafter issued by any county shall must be either amortization bonds or serial bonds. All things being equal, amortization bonds shall must be issued in preference to serial bonds; otherwise, serial bonds may be issued.

(2) Citizen bonds may be amortization bonds, serial bonds, term bonds, capital appreciation bonds, or zero-coupon bonds, with no preference for amortization bonds."

Section 7. Section 7-7-2238, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-7-2238. Resolution to issue bonds. (1) If a sufficient percentage of the qualified electors entitled to vote at such an election voted on such the question and a sufficient percentage of such votes were cast in favor of the issuing of such bonds as provided in 7-7-2237, the board of county commissioners shall, at a regular or special meeting held within 30 days thereafter after the election,

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- pass and adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of such the bonds.
- 3 (2) Such The resolution shall must recite:
- 4 (a) the purpose for which such the bonds are to be issued:
  - (b) the amount thereof of bonds to be issued;
- 7 (c) the maximum rate of interest the bonds may bear;
  - (d) the date they shall bear;

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  10 payable; and
- 11 (f) the optional provisions, if any.
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- 21 (4) The resolution shall must adopt a form of notice of the sale of the bonds."
- 23 Section 8. Section 7-7-2251, MCA, is amended to read:
- 24 "7-7-2251. Form of notice of sale of bonds. (1) The
  25 notice of sale shall must state the purpose or purposes for

- which the bonds are to be issued and the amount proposed to
  be issued for each purpose and shall must be substantially
  in the following form:
  - NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY BONDS
- Notice is hereby given by the board of county commissioners of .... County, state of Montana, that the board will on the .... day of ...., 19.., at the hour of .....m., at the office of the board in the courthouse in the (town or city) of .... in the said county, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, either amortization or serial bonds of the said county in the principal amount of .... dollars (\$....) for the purpose of ....
- Amortisation bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the said board.
  - If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds, as the board may determine at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semiannual installments during a period of .... years from the date of issue.
- If serial bonds are issued and sold, they will be in the amount of .... dollars (\$....) each and will become payable according to the maturity schedule set forth below (set forth maturity schedule adopted by the board of county commissioners).

| 1 | The bonds, whether amortisation or serial bonds, will        |
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| 2 | bear date of, 19, and will bear interest at a rate           |
| 3 | not exceeding per annum commencing on the day of             |
| 4 | (month), 19, and payable semiannually on the day             |
| 5 | of (month) and (month) in each year thereafter and           |
| 6 | will be redeemable in full (here insert the optional         |
| 7 | provisions, if any, to be recited in the bonds).             |
| 8 | The bonds will be sold for not less than their par value     |
| 9 | with accrued interest to date of delivery, and all bidders   |
| 0 | must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will    |
| 1 | purchase the bonds at par. The board reserves the right to   |
| 2 | reject any and all bids and to sell the bonds at private     |
| 3 | sale.  |
| 4 | All bids other than by or on behalf of the board of          |
| 5 | investments of the state of Montana must be accompanied by a |
| 6 | certified check in the sum of dollars, (\$), payable         |
| 7 | to the order of the clerk, which will be forfeited by the    |
| 8 | successful bidder in the event that he-shall-fail-or-refuse  |
| 9 | the bidder fails or refuses to complete the purchase of the  |
| 0 | bonds in accordance with the terms of his the bid.           |
| 1 | All bids should must be addressed to the board of county     |
| 2 | commissioners ofsaidcounty and delivered to the county       |
| 3 | clerk of-said-county.  |
| 4 | ATTEST:  |
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| 1  | (Chairman, Board of County Commissioners)                    |
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| 2  | of County  |
| 3  | State of Montana   |
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| 5  | (Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners)                 |
| 6  | of County, Montana   |
| 7  | Address Hontana  |
| .8 | (2) The form of notice required under this section may       |
| 9  | be modified to accommodate changes necessary to issue        |
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| 12 | "7-7-2261. Maintenance of accounts for bond issues. (1)      |
| 13 | The county treasurer of each county shall keep in his the    |
| 14 | county's books a special and separate sinking fund account   |
| 15 | for each series or issue of outstanding bonds, including     |
| 16 | citizen bonds as provided in [sections 1 through 4], issued  |
| 17 | by his the county. Each such fund must at all times show the |
| 18 | exact condition thereof of the bonds.                        |
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1 year; and

2 (b) to-also place in the sinking fund for such the
3 issue or series of bonds, for the payment of the principal
4 thereof when the-same it becomes due, an amount not less
5 than a sum produced by dividing the whole amount for which
6 such the series or issue of bonds were was originally issued
7 by the number of years for which the same-were series or
8 issue was originally issued to run.

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10 off bonds that do not provide for periodic interest payments
11 but, rather, are sold at a discount from their face value,
12 as provided in [sections 1 through 4], must be actuarially
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14 amount in the sinking fund sufficient to redeem the bonds."

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17 integral part of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, and the
18 provisions of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, apply to
19 [sections 1 through 4].

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# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### STATE OF MONTANA

MARC RACICOT GOVERNOR



STATE CAPITOL HELENA, MONTANA 59620-0801

March 31, 1993

The Honorable Fred Van Valkenburg President of the Senate State Capitol Helena MT 59620

The Honorable John Mercer Speaker of the House State Capitol Helena MT 59620

Dear President Van Valkenburg and Speaker Mercer:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, I hereby return House Bill 372, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ISSUE SMALL DENOMINATION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE KNOWN AS "CITIZEN BONDS"; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-7-103, 7-7-2209, 7-7-2238, 7-7-2251, 7-7-2261, AND 7-7-2265, MCA," with the attached amendments.

The intent of House Bill 372 was to provide counties with the immediate authority to issue citizen bonds. However, an immediate effective date was inadvertently left out of the bill.

Representative Sheila Rice, the sponsor of House Bill 372, has requested that I return the bill with an amendment that would provide that the bill take effect upon passage and approval.

Sincerely,

MARC RACICOT Governor

# GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 372 (REFERENCE COPY) April 1, 1993

1. Page 10, 20.

Following: line 19

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 12. Effective date. [This

act] is effective on passage and approval.

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- passage of the resolution provided for in 7-7-2238, a county 1 2 shall notify the attorney general of its intention to issue
- 4 (2) Prior to issuing citizen bonds, a county shall make 5 available to interested investors:
- 6 (a) a preliminary official statement, a draft-form legal opinion from a recognized bond counsel, and a comparison to taxable yields at various income levels;
- 9 (b) application forms for the purchase of citizen bonds 10 that must specify at a minimum:
- (i) the time, date, and place that applications will be 11 12 received, the manner in which applications will be 13 processed, and the conditions under which the sale may be 14 canceled if the issue is not fully subscribed during the
- 16 (11) the issue date, maturity dates, and the dates on 17 which interest will be earned and paid;
- (iii) the denominations of the bonds and the maximum 18 amount of the bonds that one buyer may purchase; 19
- (iv) the approximate yield on the bonds if held to 20 21 maturity and the manner in which interest rates have been 22 calculated; and
- (v) the provision made for the transfer of ownership of 23 24 outstanding bonds; and
- (c) other information that the attorney general may 25

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require.

- 2 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Citisen bonds -- procedure
- 3 when issue not fully subscribed. If an entire issue of bonds
- 4 is not fully subscribed during the period of time that the
- 5 county has set for the sale of the bonds, the citizen bonds
  - may be sold in the manner permitted for other county general
- 7 obligation bonds.
- 8 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Zero-coupon bonds and capital
- 9 appreciation bonds. The terms "zero-coupon bonds" and
- 10 "capital appreciation bonds", as used in this part, mean
- ll those forms of bonds that do not make periodic interest
- 12 payments but, rather, are sold at a discount from their face
- 13 value.
- 14 Section 5. Section 7-7-103, MCA, is amended to read:
- 15 \*7-7-103. Review by attorney general -- report --
- 16 review of citizen bonds. (1) The attorney general shall
- 17 examine certified copies of all proceedings preliminary to
- 18 the issuance of general obligation bonds by any county,
- 19 city, or town which that are submitted to--him for
- 20 examination, and if the proceedings are found to be regular
- 21 and valid, he the attorney general shall deliver to the
- 22 recording officer of the local government a report of his
- 23 the examination and determination.
- 24 (2) A certified copy of the report shall must be filed
- 25 with the officer required by law to register the bonds. and

- a notation of the filing shall must be entered in the bond
  - register.
- 3 (3) Within 10 days of receipt of the notice provided
- 4 for in [section 2] and 7-7-4212, the attorney general may
- 5 impose any requirements he-considers considered necessary to
- 6 adequately protect both the issuing city or town and the
- 7 purchasers of the bonds."
- 8 Section 6. Section 7-7-2209, MCA, is amended to read:
- 9 "7-7-2209. Types of bonds. All (1) Except as provided
- 10 in subsection (2), bonds hereafter issued by any county
- 11 shall must be either amortization bonds or serial bonds. All
- 12 things being equal, amortization bonds shall must be issued
- in preference to serial bonds; otherwise, serial bonds may
- 14 be issued.
- 15 (2) Citizen bonds may be amortization bonds, serial
- 16 bonds, term bonds, capital appreciation bonds, or
- 17 zero-coupon bonds, with no preference for amortization
- 18 bonds."
- 19 Section 7. Section 7-7-2238, MCA, is amended to read:
- 20 "7-7-2238. Resolution to issue bonds. (1) If a
- 21 sufficient percentage of the qualified electors entitled to
- 22 vote at such an election voted on such the question and a
- 23 sufficient percentage of such votes were cast in favor of
- 24 the issuing of such bonds as provided in 7-7-2237, the board
- 25 of county commissioners shall, at a regular or special

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- 1 meeting held within 30 days thereafter after the election,
  - pass and adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of
- 3 such the bonds.

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- (2) Such The resolution shall must recite:
- 5 (a) the purpose for which such the bonds are to be issued:
- 7 (b) the amount thereof of bonds to be issued;
- 8 (c) the maximum rate of interest the bonds may bear;
- 9 (d) the date they shall bear;
- 10 (e) the period of time through which they shall-be are
- ll payable; and
- 12 (f) the optional provisions, if any.
- 13 (3) Such The resolution shall must provide for the
- 14 manner of the execution of the bonds. #t--shall The
- 15 resolution must provide that, except in a bond issue of
- 16 citizen bonds, preference shall must be given to
- 17 amortization bonds, but it shall must fix the denomination
- 19 issue bonds in that form. The board may in its discretion

of serial bonds in case it shall-be is found advantageous to

- 20 provide that such the bonds may be issued and sold in two or
- 21 more series or installments.
- 22 (4) The resolution shall must adopt a form of notice of
- 23 the sale of the bonds.\*
- 24 Section 8. Section 7-7-2251, MCA, is amended to read:
- 25 "7-7-2251. Porm of notice of sale of bonds. (1) The

- 1 notice of sale shall must state the purpose or purposes for
- 2 which the bonds are to be issued and the amount proposed to
- 3 be issued for each purpose and shall must be substantially
- 4 in the following form:

#### NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY BONDS

- 6 Notice is hereby given by the board of county
- 7 commissioners of .... County, state of Montana, that the
- 8 board will on the .... day of ...., 19.., at the hour of
- 9 .... at the office of the board in the courthouse in
- 10 the (town or city) of .... in the said county, sell to the
- 11 highest and best bidder for cash, either amortization or
- 12 serial bonds of the said county in the principal amount of
- 13 .... dollars (\$....) for the purpose of .....
- 14 Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial
- 15 bonds will be the second choice of the said board.
- 16 If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire
- 17 issue may be put into one single bond or divided into
- 18 several bonds, as the board may determine at the time of
- 19 sale, both principal and interest to be payable i
- 20 semiannual installments during a period of .... years from
- 21 the date of issue.
- 22 If serial bonds are issued and sold, they will be in the
- 23 amount of .... dollars (\$....) each and will become payable
- 24 according to the maturity schedule set forth below (set
- 25 forth maturity schedule adopted by the board of county

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| 1  | commissioners).  |
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| 2  | The bonds, whether amortization or serial bonds, will        |
| 3  | bear date of, 19, and will bear interest at a rate           |
| 4  | not exceeding% per annum commencing on the day of            |
| 5  | (month), 19, and payable semiannually on the day             |
| 6  | of (month) and (month) in each year thereafter and           |
| 7  | will be redeemable in full (here insert the optional         |
| 8  | provisions, if any, to be recited in the bonds).             |
| 9  | The bonds will be sold for not less than their par value     |
| 10 | with accrued interest to date of delivery, and all bidders   |
| 11 | must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will    |
| 12 | purchase the bonds at par. The board reserves the right to   |
| 13 | reject any and all bids and to sell the bonds at private     |
| 14 | sale.  |
| 15 | All bids other than by or on behalf of the board of          |
| 16 | investments of the state of Montana must be accompanied by a |
| 17 | certified check in the sum of dollars, (\$), payable         |
| 18 | to the order of the clerk, which will be forfeited by the    |
| 19 | successful bidder in the event that he-shall-fail-orrefuse   |
| 20 | the bidder fails or refuses to complete the purchase of the  |
| 21 | bonds in accordance with the terms of his the bid.           |
| 22 | All bids should must be addressed to the board of county     |
| 23 | commissioners of-said-county and delivered to the county     |
| 24 | clerk of-said-county.  |
| 25 | ATTEST:  |

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| 2  | (Chairman, Board of County Commissioners)                    |
| 3  | of County  |
| 4  | State of Montana   |
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| 6  | (Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners)                 |
| 7  | of County, Montana   |
| 8  | Address Montana  |
| 9  | (2) The form of notice required under this section may       |
| 10 | be modified to accommodate changes necessary to issue        |
| 11 | citizen bonds pursuant to [sections 1 through 4]."           |
| 12 | Section 9. Section 7-7-2261, MCA, is amended to read:        |
| 13 | *7-7-2261. Maintenance of accounts for bond issues. (1)      |
| 14 | The county treasurer of each county shall keep in his the    |
| 15 | county's books a special and separate sinking fund account   |
| 16 | for each series or issue of outstanding bonds, including     |
| 17 | citizen bonds as provided in [sections 1 through 4], issued  |
| 18 | by his the county. Each such fund must at all times show the |
| 19 | exact condition thereof of the bonds.                        |
| 20 | (2) All taxes collected for interest and principal on        |

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county bonds shell must be placed to the credit of the

account may, in the discretion of the board of county

commissioners, be used as it accrues to fulfill or complete

(3) Interest from investment of money in a sinking fund

sinking fund for which the taxes were levied.

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- 2 (4) The sinking fund shall must be administered as 3 provided in 7-7-123, 7-7-124, and 7-7-2270."
- 4 Section 10. Section 7-7-2265, MCA, is amended to read:
  - "7-7-2265. Tax levy for payment of bonds. (1) The board of county commissioners, at the time of making the levy of taxes for county purposes, must levy a separate and special tax upon all taxable property in the county for the payment of interest on and principal of each series or issue of bonds outstanding. The tax levy for any one series or issue of bonds must be entirely separate and distinct from such the levy for any other series or issue of bonds.
  - made for the purpose of paying interest on and principal of each series or issue of bonds must be high enough to raise an amount sufficient to pay all interest on and so much of the principal, if any, of such the bonds as will become due and payable during the then-current fiscal year or within 90 days thereafter after the fiscal year, as such-amount-is shown by the treasurer's statement provided by 7-7-2264. If no part of the principal of such the bonds will become due and payable within such that time, then such the tax levy must be high enough to:
- 24 (a) raise an amount sufficient to pay all interest
  25 which that will become due and payable during the current

- fiscal year or within 90 days thereafter after the fiscal vear; and
- (b) to--also place in the sinking fund for such the issue or series of bonds, for the payment of the principal thereof when the--same it becomes due, an amount not less than a sum produced by dividing the whole amount for which such the series or issue of bonds were was originally issued by the number of years for which the same-were series or issue was originally issued to run.
- off bonds that do not provide for periodic interest payments
  but, rather, are sold at a discount from their face value,
  as provided in [sections 1 through 4], must be actuarially
  sufficient so that at the time for redemption, there is an

(3) The annual levies made for the purpose of paying

NEW SECTION. Section 11. Codification instruction.

[Sections 1 through 4] are intended to be codified as an

amount in the sinking fund sufficient to redeem the bonds."

- integral part of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 7, part 22, apply to
- 20 [sections 1 through 4].

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- 21 NEW SECTION. SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS
- 22 EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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