# 58:11B-10.2

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NJSA: 58:11B-10.2 (Makes certain changes to New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program)

- BILL NO: A4155 (Substituted for S2587)
- SPONSOR(S); McKeon and others
- DATE INTRODUCED: June 13, 2005
- COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Environment and Solid Waste; Budget SENATE:
- AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes
- DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: June 27, 2005

**SENATE:** June 30, 2005

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 18, 2005

#### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (2nd reprint enacted)

A4155	5 <u>SPONSOR'S STATEMENT</u> : (Begins on page 6 of original bill) <u>Yes</u>			
	COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY:	Yes <u>6-13-2005 (Env &amp; SW)</u> <u>6-22-2005 (Budget)</u>	
		SENATE:	No	
	FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:		<u>Yes</u>	
	LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:		No	
S2587	SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on pa	age 6 of original bill)	Yes	
	COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY:	No	
		SENATE:	Yes <u>5-26-2005 (Env)</u>	

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 FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:
 Yes

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 No

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 No

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#### P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 202, approved August 18, 2005 Assembly, No. 4155 (Second Reprint)

1 AN ACT concerning environmental infrastructure projects, and 2 amending and supplementing P.L.1985, c.334. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. (New section) a. There is established in the New Jersey 8 Environmental Infrastructure Trust a special fund to be known as the 9 Loan Origination Fee Fund. 10 The Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be credited with: (1) moneys deposited into the fund as loan origination fees received 11 by the Department of Environmental Protection and paid by project 12 13 sponsors of wastewater treatment system projects or water supply 14 projects financed under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure 15 Financing Program; and (2) any interest accumulated on the amounts of the loan origination 16 17 fees. <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup><u>The total moneys received by the Department of Environmental</u> 18 Protection as loan origination fees in any fiscal year shall not exceed 19 20 \$5,000,000.<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup> 21 b. Moneys in the Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be used 22 exclusively by the Department of Environmental Protection solely for 23 administrative and operating expenses incurred by the department in administering the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing 24 Program<sup>2</sup>, except that the total amount utilized by the department for 25 administrative and operating expenses in any fiscal year shall not 26 exceed  $$5,000,000^2$ . Moneys in the fund shall be disbursed to the 27 Department of the Treasury on an annual basis to meet the 28 29 department's State revenue anticipation established within the annual appropriations act. Amounts in excess of revenue anticipation shall be 30 31 carried forward into the following year. c. As used in this section, "loan origination fee" means the fee 32 33 charged by the Department of Environmental Protection and financed 34 under the trust loan to pay a portion of the costs incurred by the department in the implementation of the New Jersey Environmental 35 Infrastructure Financing Program. 36 37 38 2. Section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6) is amended to read

39 as follows:

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted June 23, 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted June 23, 2005.

1 6. a. Except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the 2 provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 3 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), the trust may from time to time issue its bonds, 4 notes or other obligations in any principal amounts as in the judgment of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for any of its 5 6 corporate purposes, including the payment, funding or refunding of the 7 principal of, or interest or redemption premiums on, any bonds, notes 8 or other obligations issued by it, whether the bonds, notes or other 9 obligations or the interest or redemption premiums thereon to be 10 funded or refunded have or have not become due, the establishment or 11 increase of reserves or other funds to secure or to pay the bonds, notes 12 or other obligations or interest thereon and all other costs or expenses 13 of the trust incident to and necessary to carry out its corporate 14 purposes and powers.

b. Whether or not the bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust are of a form and character as to be negotiable instruments under the terms of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes, the bonds, notes and other obligations are made negotiable instruments within the meaning of and for the purposes of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes, subject only to the provisions of the bonds, notes and other obligations for registration.

22 c. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust shall be authorized 23 by a resolution or resolutions of the trust and may be issued in one or more series and shall bear any date or dates, mature at any time or 24 25 times, bear interest at any rate or rates of interest per annum, be in any 26 denomination or denominations, be in any form, either coupon, 27 registered or book entry, carry any conversion or registration 28 privileges, have any rank or priority, be executed in any manner, be 29 payable in any coin or currency of the United States which at the time 30 of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, 31 at any place or places within or without the State, and be subject to 32 any terms of redemption by the trust or the holders thereof, with or without premium, as the resolution or resolutions may provide. A 33 34 resolution of the trust authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or 35 other obligations may provide that the bonds, notes or other obligations be secured by a trust indenture between the trust and a 36 37 trustee, vesting in the trustee any property, rights, powers and duties 38 in trust consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 39 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) as the trust may 40 determine.

d. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be sold at any
price or prices and in any manner as the trust may determine. Each
bond, note or other obligation shall mature and be paid not later than
20 years from the effective date thereof, or the certified useful life of
the project or projects to be financed by the bonds, whichever is less.
All bonds of the trust shall be sold at such price or prices and in

1 such manner as the trust shall determine, after notice of sale, a 2 summary of which shall be published at least once in at least three 3 newspapers published in the State of New Jersey and at least once in 4 a publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news published in New Jersey or the city of New York, the 5 6 first summary notice to be at least five days prior to the day of 7 bidding. The notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that 8 any or all bids made in pursuance thereof may be rejected. In the event 9 of such rejection or of failure to receive any acceptable bid, the trust, 10 at any time within 60 days from the date of such advertised sale, may 11 sell such bonds at private sale upon terms not less favorable to the 12 State than the terms offered by any rejected bid. The trust may sell all 13 or part of the bonds of any series as issued to any State fund or to the 14 federal government or any agency thereof, at private sale, without 15 advertisement.

16 e. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be issued 17 under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) without obtaining the consent 18 19 of any department, division, board, bureau or agency of the State, and 20 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 21 conditions or things, other than those consents, proceedings, 22 conditions or things which are specifically required by P.L.1985, c.334 23 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.).

24 f. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under the 25 provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 26 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) shall not be a debt or liability of the State or of 27 any political subdivision thereof other than the trust and shall not 28 create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the 29 State or any political subdivision, but all these bonds, notes and other 30 obligations, unless funded or refunded by bonds, notes or other 31 obligations, shall be payable solely from revenues or funds pledged or 32 available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.). Each 33 34 bond, note and obligation shall contain on its face a statement to the 35 effect that the trust is obligated to pay the principal thereof or the interest thereon only from its revenues, receipts or funds pledged or 36 37 available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 38 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), and 39 that neither the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is 40 obligated to pay the principal or interest and that neither the faith and 41 credit nor the taxing power of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on 42 43 the bonds, notes or other obligations.

g. The aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other
obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, shall not
exceed [\$2,000,000,000] <u>\$2,200,000,000</u>. In computing the foregoing

1 limitations there shall be excluded all the bonds, notes or other 2 obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, which

3 shall be issued for refunding purposes, whenever the refunding shall be

4 determined to result in a savings.

(1) Upon the decision by the trust to issue refunding bonds, except 5 for current refunding, and prior to the sale of those bonds, the trust 6 7 shall transmit to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its 8 successor, a report that a decision has been made, reciting the basis on 9 which the decision was made, including an estimate of the debt service 10 savings to be achieved and the calculations upon which the trust relied 11 when making the decision to issue refunding bonds. The report shall 12 also disclose the intent of the trust to issue and sell the refunding 13 bonds at public or private sale and the reasons therefor.

14 (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall 15 have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with 16 17 paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the trust in writing of the approval or disapproval as expeditiously as possible. 18 19 (3) No refunding bonds shall be issued unless the report has been 20 submitted to and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee 21 or its successor as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this 22 subsection.

(4) Within 30 days after the sale of the refunding bonds, the trust
shall notify the committee of the result of that sale, including the prices
and terms, conditions and regulations concerning the refunding bonds,
the actual amount of debt service savings to be realized as a result of
the sale of refunding bonds, and the intended use of the proceeds from
the sale of those bonds.

(5) The committee shall review all information and reports
submitted in accordance with this subsection and may, on its own
initiative, make observations to the trust, or to the Legislature, or
both, as it deems appropriate.

h. Each issue of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may,
if it is determined by the trust, be general obligations thereof payable
out of any revenues, receipts or funds of the trust, or special
obligations thereof payable out of particular revenues, receipts or
funds, subject only to any agreements with the holders of bonds, notes
or other obligations, and may be secured by one or more of the
following:

40 (1) Pledge of revenues and other receipts to be derived from the 41 payment of the interest on and principal of notes, bonds or other 42 obligations issued to the trust by one or more local government units, 43 and any other payment made to the trust pursuant to agreements with 44 any local government units, or a pledge or assignment of any notes, 45 bonds or other obligations of any local government unit and the rights 46 and interest of the trust therein;

1 (2) Pledge of rentals, receipts and other revenues to be derived 2 from leases or other contractual arrangements with any person or 3 entity, public or private, including one or more local government units, 4 or a pledge or assignment of those leases or other contractual 5 arrangements and the rights and interest of the trust therein; (3) Pledge of all moneys, funds, accounts, securities and other 6 7 funds, including the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations; 8 (4) Pledge of the receipts to be derived from the payments of State 9 aid, payable to the trust pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1985, c.334 10 (C.58:11B-12); 11 (5) A mortgage on all or any part of the property, real or personal, of the trust then owned or thereafter to be acquired, or a pledge or 12 13 assignment of mortgages made to the trust by any person or entity, 14 public or private, including one or more local government units and 15 the rights and interest of the trust therein. i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, or 16 17 otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, 18 2025. 19 j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88). 20 (cf: P.L.2004, c.111, s.2) 21 22 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 23 24 25 26

27 Makes certain changes to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure

28 Trust Financing Program.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4155 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 13, 2005

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON District 27 (Essex) Assemblyman UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset) Assemblyman JOHN S. WISNIEWSKI District 19 (Middlesex)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Makes certain changes to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



AN ACT concerning environmental infrastructure projects, and 1 2 amending and supplementing P.L.1985, c.334. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. (New section) a. There is established in the New Jersey 8 Environmental Infrastructure Trust a special fund to be known as the 9 Loan Origination Fee Fund. 10 The Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be credited with: 11 (1) moneys deposited into the fund as loan origination fees 12 received by the Department of Environmental Protection and paid by project sponsors of wastewater treatment system projects or water 13 supply projects financed under the New Jersey Environmental 14 15 Infrastructure Financing Program; and 16 (2) any interest accumulated on the amounts of the loan origination 17 fees. b. Moneys in the Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be used 18 exclusively by the Department of Environmental Protection solely for 19 administrative and operating expenses incurred by the department in 20 21 administering the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing 22 Program. Moneys in the fund shall be disbursed to the Department of 23 the Treasury on an annual basis to meet the department's State revenue 24 anticipation established within the annual appropriations act. Amounts 25 in excess of revenue anticipation shall be carried forward into the 26 following year. 27 c. As used in this section, "loan origination fee" means the fee 28 charged by the Department of Environmental Protection and financed 29 under the trust loan to pay a portion of the costs incurred by the 30 department in the implementation of the New Jersey Environmental 31 Infrastructure Financing Program. 32 33 2. Section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6) is amended to read 34 as follows: 35 6. a. Except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 36 37 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), the trust may from time to time issue its bonds, notes or other obligations in any principal amounts as in the judgment 38 39 of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for any of its 40 corporate purposes, including the payment, funding or refunding of the 41 principal of, or interest or redemption premiums on, any bonds, notes 42 or other obligations issued by it, whether the bonds, notes or other 43 obligations or the interest or redemption premiums thereon to be

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1 funded or refunded have or have not become due, the establishment or

2 increase of reserves or other funds to secure or to pay the bonds, notes

3 or other obligations or interest thereon and all other costs or expenses

4 of the trust incident to and necessary to carry out its corporate 5 purposes and powers.

b. Whether or not the bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust
are of a form and character as to be negotiable instruments under the
terms of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes, the bonds, notes and
other obligations are made negotiable instruments within the meaning
of and for the purposes of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes,
subject only to the provisions of the bonds, notes and other obligations
for registration.

13 c. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust shall be authorized 14 by a resolution or resolutions of the trust and may be issued in one or 15 more series and shall bear any date or dates, mature at any time or times, bear interest at any rate or rates of interest per annum, be in any 16 denomination or denominations, be in any form, either coupon, 17 registered or book entry, carry any conversion or registration 18 19 privileges, have any rank or priority, be executed in any manner, be 20 payable in any coin or currency of the United States which at the time 21 of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, 22 at any place or places within or without the State, and be subject to 23 any terms of redemption by the trust or the holders thereof, with or without premium, as the resolution or resolutions may provide. A 24 25 resolution of the trust authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or 26 other obligations may provide that the bonds, notes or other 27 obligations be secured by a trust indenture between the trust and a 28 trustee, vesting in the trustee any property, rights, powers and duties 29 in trust consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 30 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) as the trust may 31 determine.

d. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be sold at any
price or prices and in any manner as the trust may determine. Each
bond, note or other obligation shall mature and be paid not later than
20 years from the effective date thereof, or the certified useful life of
the project or projects to be financed by the bonds, whichever is less.

All bonds of the trust shall be sold at such price or prices and in 37 38 such manner as the trust shall determine, after notice of sale, a 39 summary of which shall be published at least once in at least three 40 newspapers published in the State of New Jersey and at least once in 41 a publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to 42 financial news published in New Jersey or the city of New York, the 43 first summary notice to be at least five days prior to the day of 44 bidding. The notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that 45 any or all bids made in pursuance thereof may be rejected. In the event of such rejection or of failure to receive any acceptable bid, the trust, 46

at any time within 60 days from the date of such advertised sale, may
sell such bonds at private sale upon terms not less favorable to the
State than the terms offered by any rejected bid. The trust may sell all
or part of the bonds of any series as issued to any State fund or to the
federal government or any agency thereof, at private sale, without
advertisement.

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15 f. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 16 17 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) shall not be a debt or liability of the State or of 18 any political subdivision thereof other than the trust and shall not 19 create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the 20 State or any political subdivision, but all these bonds, notes and other 21 obligations, unless funded or refunded by bonds, notes or other 22 obligations, shall be payable solely from revenues or funds pledged or 23 available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 24 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.). Each 25 bond, note and obligation shall contain on its face a statement to the 26 effect that the trust is obligated to pay the principal thereof or the 27 interest thereon only from its revenues, receipts or funds pledged or 28 available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 29 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), and 30 that neither the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is 31 obligated to pay the principal or interest and that neither the faith and 32 credit nor the taxing power of the State, or any political subdivision 33 thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on 34 the bonds, notes or other obligations.

g. The aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other
obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, shall not
exceed [\$2,000,000,000] <u>\$2,200,000,000</u>. In computing the foregoing
limitations there shall be excluded all the bonds, notes or other
obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, which
shall be issued for refunding purposes, whenever the refunding shall be
determined to result in a savings.

(1) Upon the decision by the trust to issue refunding bonds, except
for current refunding, and prior to the sale of those bonds, the trust
shall transmit to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its
successor, a report that a decision has been made, reciting the basis on
which the decision was made, including an estimate of the debt service

savings to be achieved and the calculations upon which the trust relied
 when making the decision to issue refunding bonds. The report shall

2 when making the decision to issue refunding bonds. The report shall3 also disclose the intent of the trust to issue and sell the refunding

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4 bonds at public or private sale and the reasons therefor.

5 (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall 6 have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding 7 bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with 8 paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the trust 9 in writing of the approval or disapproval as expeditiously as possible.

(3) No refunding bonds shall be issued unless the report has been
submitted to and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee
or its successor as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
subsection.

(4) Within 30 days after the sale of the refunding bonds, the trust
shall notify the committee of the result of that sale, including the prices
and terms, conditions and regulations concerning the refunding bonds,
the actual amount of debt service savings to be realized as a result of
the sale of refunding bonds, and the intended use of the proceeds from
the sale of those bonds.

(5) The committee shall review all information and reports
submitted in accordance with this subsection and may, on its own
initiative, make observations to the trust, or to the Legislature, or
both, as it deems appropriate.

h. Each issue of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may, if it is determined by the trust, be general obligations thereof payable out of any revenues, receipts or funds of the trust, or special obligations thereof payable out of particular revenues, receipts or funds, subject only to any agreements with the holders of bonds, notes or other obligations, and may be secured by one or more of the following:

(1) Pledge of revenues and other receipts to be derived from the
payment of the interest on and principal of notes, bonds or other
obligations issued to the trust by one or more local government units,
and any other payment made to the trust pursuant to agreements with
any local government units, or a pledge or assignment of any notes,
bonds or other obligations of any local government unit and the rights
and interest of the trust therein;

(2) Pledge of rentals, receipts and other revenues to be derived
from leases or other contractual arrangements with any person or
entity, public or private, including one or more local government units,
or a pledge or assignment of those leases or other contractual
arrangements and the rights and interest of the trust therein;

(3) Pledge of all moneys, funds, accounts, securities and other
funds, including the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations;
(4) Pledge of the receipts to be derived from the payments of State
aid, payable to the trust pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1985, c.334

1 (C.58:11B-12); 2 (5) A mortgage on all or any part of the property, real or personal, 3 of the trust then owned or thereafter to be acquired, or a pledge or 4 assignment of mortgages made to the trust by any person or entity, public or private, including one or more local government units and 5 6 the rights and interest of the trust therein. 7 i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, or 8 otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, 9 2025. 10 j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88). (cf: P.L.2004, c.111, s.2) 11 12 13 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 14 15 16 **STATEMENT** 17 18 This bill makes certain technical changes to the procedures governing the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust 19 20 Financing Program. These changes are necessary to permit the 2005 21 Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust. 22 The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion 23 to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025. 24 The bill also establishes a "Loan Origination Fee Fund" for the 25 deposit of all fees received by the Department of Environmental 26 27 Protection under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for use by the Department for administrative and 28 29 operating expenses. Under its annual legislative authorization act the 30 Trust is authorized to increase the amount of each loan made to a project sponsor for an environmental infrastructure project by the loan 31 32 origination fee.

# ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4155

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### DATED: JUNE 13, 2005

The Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4155.

This bill makes certain technical changes to the procedures governing the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program. These changes are necessary to permit the 2005 Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust.

The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025.

The bill also establishes a "Loan Origination Fee Fund" for the deposit of all fees received by the Department of Environmental Protection under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for use by the Department for administrative and operating expenses. Under its annual legislative authorization act the Trust is authorized to increase the amount of each loan made to a project sponsor for an environmental infrastructure project by the loan origination fee.

## ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

## ASSEMBLY, No. 4155

with Assembly committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### DATED: JUNE 22, 2005

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4155, with committee amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 4155, as amended, makes certain technical changes to the procedures governing the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program. These changes are necessary to permit the 2005 Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust.

The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025.

The bill also establishes a "Loan Origination Fee Fund" for the deposit of all fees received by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for use by the DEP for administrative and operating expenses. Under its annual legislative authorization act the Trust is authorized to increase the amount of each loan made to a project sponsor for an environmental infrastructure project by the loan origination fee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025. The bill also establishes a "Loan Origination Fee Fund" for the deposit of all fees received by the DEP under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program. The Trust is authorized to increase the amount of each loan made to a project sponsor for an environmental infrastructure project by the loan origination fee.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**:

The amendments cap the amount that the DEP may receive as loan origination fees in any fiscal year at \$5,000,000.

# [First Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 4155

with Assembly Floor Amendments (Proposed By Assemblyman MCKEON)

#### ADOPTED: JUNE 23, 2005

These floor amendments would delete the language that would have limited the total moneys received by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as loan origination fees in any fiscal year, and instead provide that the total amount utilized by the DEP for administrative and operating expenses incurred by the DEP in administering the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program in any fiscal year shall not exceed \$5,000,000. These floor amendments make this bill identical to Senate Bill No. 2587, as amended by the Senate on June 23, 2005.

# SENATE, No. 2587 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 19, 2005

Sponsored by: Senator BOB SMITH District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

#### SYNOPSIS

Makes certain changes to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

# **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



AN ACT concerning environmental infrastructure projects, and 1 2 amending and supplementing P.L.1985, c.334. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. (New section) a. There is established in the New Jersey 8 Environmental Infrastructure Trust a special fund to be known as the 9 Loan Origination Fee Fund. 10 The Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be credited with: 11 (1) moneys deposited into the fund as loan origination fees received 12 by the Department of Environmental Protection and paid by project sponsors of wastewater treatment system projects or water supply 13 projects financed under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure 14 15 Financing Program; and 16 (2) any interest accumulated on the amounts of the loan origination 17 fees. b. Moneys in the Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be used 18 exclusively by the Department of Environmental Protection solely for 19 administrative and operating expenses incurred by the department in 20 21 administering the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing 22 Program. Moneys in the fund shall be disbursed to the Department of 23 the Treasury on an annual basis to meet the department's State revenue 24 anticipation established within the annual appropriations act. Amounts 25 in excess of revenue anticipation shall be carried forward into the 26 following year. 27 c. As used in this section, "loan origination fee" means the fee 28 charged by the Department of Environmental Protection and financed 29 under the trust loan to pay a portion of the costs incurred by the 30 department in the implementation of the New Jersey Environmental 31 Infrastructure Financing Program. 32 33 2. Section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6) is amended to read 34 as follows: 35 6. a. Except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 36 37 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), the trust may from time to time issue its bonds, notes or other obligations in any principal amounts as in the judgment 38 39 of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for any of its 40 corporate purposes, including the payment, funding or refunding of the 41 principal of, or interest or redemption premiums on, any bonds, notes 42 or other obligations issued by it, whether the bonds, notes or other 43 obligations or the interest or redemption premiums thereon to be

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

1 funded or refunded have or have not become due, the establishment or

2 increase of reserves or other funds to secure or to pay the bonds, notes

3 or other obligations or interest thereon and all other costs or expenses

4 of the trust incident to and necessary to carry out its corporate 5 purposes and powers.

b. Whether or not the bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust
are of a form and character as to be negotiable instruments under the
terms of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes, the bonds, notes and
other obligations are made negotiable instruments within the meaning
of and for the purposes of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes,
subject only to the provisions of the bonds, notes and other obligations
for registration.

c. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust shall be authorized 13 14 by a resolution or resolutions of the trust and may be issued in one or 15 more series and shall bear any date or dates, mature at any time or times, bear interest at any rate or rates of interest per annum, be in any 16 denomination or denominations, be in any form, either coupon, 17 registered or book entry, carry any conversion or registration 18 19 privileges, have any rank or priority, be executed in any manner, be 20 payable in any coin or currency of the United States which at the time 21 of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, 22 at any place or places within or without the State, and be subject to 23 any terms of redemption by the trust or the holders thereof, with or without premium, as the resolution or resolutions may provide. A 24 25 resolution of the trust authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or 26 other obligations may provide that the bonds, notes or other 27 obligations be secured by a trust indenture between the trust and a 28 trustee, vesting in the trustee any property, rights, powers and duties 29 in trust consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 30 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) as the trust may 31 determine.

d. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be sold at any
price or prices and in any manner as the trust may determine. Each
bond, note or other obligation shall mature and be paid not later than
20 years from the effective date thereof, or the certified useful life of
the project or projects to be financed by the bonds, whichever is less.

All bonds of the trust shall be sold at such price or prices and in 37 38 such manner as the trust shall determine, after notice of sale, a 39 summary of which shall be published at least once in at least three 40 newspapers published in the State of New Jersey and at least once in 41 a publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to 42 financial news published in New Jersey or the city of New York, the 43 first summary notice to be at least five days prior to the day of 44 bidding. The notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that 45 any or all bids made in pursuance thereof may be rejected. In the event of such rejection or of failure to receive any acceptable bid, the trust, 46

at any time within 60 days from the date of such advertised sale, may
sell such bonds at private sale upon terms not less favorable to the
State than the terms offered by any rejected bid. The trust may sell all
or part of the bonds of any series as issued to any State fund or to the
federal government or any agency thereof, at private sale, without
advertisement.

e. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be issued 7 8 under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or 9 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) without obtaining the consent 10 of any department, division, board, bureau or agency of the State, and without any other proceedings or the happening of any other 11 12 conditions or things, other than those consents, proceedings, 13 conditions or things which are specifically required by P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.). 14

15 f. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 16 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) shall not be a debt or liability of the State or of 17 any political subdivision thereof other than the trust and shall not 18 19 create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the 20 State or any political subdivision, but all these bonds, notes and other 21 obligations, unless funded or refunded by bonds, notes or other 22 obligations, shall be payable solely from revenues or funds pledged or 23 available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 24 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.). Each 25 bond, note and obligation shall contain on its face a statement to the 26 effect that the trust is obligated to pay the principal thereof or the 27 interest thereon only from its revenues, receipts or funds pledged or 28 available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 29 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), and 30 that neither the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is obligated to pay the principal or interest and that neither the faith and 31 32 credit nor the taxing power of the State, or any political subdivision 33 thereof, is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on 34 the bonds, notes or other obligations.

g. The aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other
obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, shall not
exceed [\$2,000,000,000] <u>\$2,200,000,000</u>. In computing the foregoing
limitations there shall be excluded all the bonds, notes or other
obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, which
shall be issued for refunding purposes, whenever the refunding shall be
determined to result in a savings.

(1) Upon the decision by the trust to issue refunding bonds, except
for current refunding, and prior to the sale of those bonds, the trust
shall transmit to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its
successor, a report that a decision has been made, reciting the basis on
which the decision was made, including an estimate of the debt service

1 savings to be achieved and the calculations upon which the trust relied

2 when making the decision to issue refunding bonds. The report shall

3 also disclose the intent of the trust to issue and sell the refunding

4 bonds at public or private sale and the reasons therefor.

5 (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall 6 have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding 7 bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with 8 paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the trust 9 in writing of the approval or disapproval as expeditiously as possible.

(3) No refunding bonds shall be issued unless the report has been
submitted to and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee
or its successor as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
subsection.

(4) Within 30 days after the sale of the refunding bonds, the trust
shall notify the committee of the result of that sale, including the prices
and terms, conditions and regulations concerning the refunding bonds,
the actual amount of debt service savings to be realized as a result of
the sale of refunding bonds, and the intended use of the proceeds from
the sale of those bonds.

(5) The committee shall review all information and reports
submitted in accordance with this subsection and may, on its own
initiative, make observations to the trust, or to the Legislature, or
both, as it deems appropriate.

h. Each issue of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may, if it is determined by the trust, be general obligations thereof payable out of any revenues, receipts or funds of the trust, or special obligations thereof payable out of particular revenues, receipts or funds, subject only to any agreements with the holders of bonds, notes or other obligations, and may be secured by one or more of the following:

(1) Pledge of revenues and other receipts to be derived from the
payment of the interest on and principal of notes, bonds or other
obligations issued to the trust by one or more local government units,
and any other payment made to the trust pursuant to agreements with
any local government units, or a pledge or assignment of any notes,
bonds or other obligations of any local government unit and the rights
and interest of the trust therein;

(2) Pledge of rentals, receipts and other revenues to be derived
from leases or other contractual arrangements with any person or
entity, public or private, including one or more local government units,
or a pledge or assignment of those leases or other contractual
arrangements and the rights and interest of the trust therein;

(3) Pledge of all moneys, funds, accounts, securities and other
funds, including the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations;
(4) Pledge of the receipts to be derived from the payments of State
aid, payable to the trust pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1985, c.334
(C.58:11B-12);

1 (5) A mortgage on all or any part of the property, real or personal, 2 of the trust then owned or thereafter to be acquired, or a pledge or 3 assignment of mortgages made to the trust by any person or entity, 4 public or private, including one or more local government units and the rights and interest of the trust therein. 5 6 i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, or 7 otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, 8 2025. 9 j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88). 10 (cf: P.L.2004, c.111, s.2) 11 12 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 13 14 15 **STATEMENT** 16 This bill makes certain technical changes to the procedures 17 18 governing the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust 19 Financing Program. These changes are necessary to permit the 2005 20 Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust. 21 The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion 22 to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur 23 any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025. The bill also establishes a "Loan Origination Fee Fund" for the 24 deposit of all fees received by the Department of Environmental 25 26 Protection under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust 27 Financing Program for use by the Department for administrative and operating expenses. Under its annual legislative authorization act the 28 29 Trust is authorized to increase the amount of each loan made to a 30 project sponsor for an environmental infrastructure project by the loan origination fee. 31

# **SENATE, No. 2587**

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### DATED: MAY 26, 2005

The Senate Environment Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2587.

Senate Bill No. 2587 makes certain technical changes to the procedures governing the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program. These changes are necessary to permit the 2005 Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust.

The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025.

The bill also establishes a "Loan Origination Fee Fund" for the deposit of all fees received by the Department of Environmental Protection under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for use by the Department for administrative and operating expenses. Under its annual legislative authorization act the Trust is authorized to increase the amount of each loan made to a project sponsor for an environmental infrastructure project by the loan origination fee.

### **SENATE, No. 2587**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

#### DATED: JUNE 16, 2005

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2587.

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The bill increases the Trust's statutory debt ceiling of \$2.0 billion to \$2.2 billion. The statutory date after which the Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness remains at November 5, 2025.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4155.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

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# SENATE, No. 2587

with Senate Floor Amendments (Proposed By Senator SMITH)

ADOPTED: JUNE 23, 2005

This floor amendment would provide that the total amount utilized by the Department of Environmental Protection for administrative and operating expenses incurred by the department in administering the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program in any fiscal year shall not exceed \$5,000,000.