### 58:11B-6

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Program)

BILL NO: A2779 (Substituted for S1823)

SPONSOR(S): McKeon and Vainieri Huttle

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**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT**: (Begins on page 8 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S1823

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT**: (Begins on page 8 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes <u>Environment 6-9-08</u>

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### P.L. 2008, CHAPTER 69, *approved August 14*, 2008 Assembly, No. 2779

**AN ACT** concerning environmental infrastructure projects, and amending P.L.1985, c.334.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. Section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6) is amended to read as follows:
- 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 (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 of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for any of its corporate purposes, including the payment, funding or refunding of the principal of, or interest or redemption premiums on, any bonds, notes or other obligations issued by it, whether the bonds, notes or other obligations or the interest or redemption premiums thereon to be funded or refunded have or have not become due, the establishment or increase of reserves or other funds to secure or to pay the bonds, notes or other obligations or interest thereon and all other costs or expenses of the trust incident to and necessary to carry out its corporate 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 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 times, bear interest at any rate or rates of interest per annum, be in any denomination or denominations, be in any form, either coupon, registered or book entry, carry any conversion or registration privileges, have any rank or priority, be executed in any manner, be payable in any coin or currency of the United States which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at any place or places within or without the State, and be subject to any terms of redemption by the trust or the holders thereof, with or without premium, as the resolution or

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resolutions may provide. A resolution of the trust authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations may provide that the bonds, notes or other obligations be secured by a trust indenture between the trust and a trustee, vesting in the trustee any property, rights, powers and duties in trust consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-

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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 such manner as the trust shall determine, after notice of sale, a summary of which shall be published at least once in at least three newspapers published in the State of New Jersey and at least once in a publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news published in New Jersey or the city of New York, the first summary notice to be at least five days prior to the day of bidding. The notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that 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, 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 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 of any department, division, board, bureau or agency of the State, and without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things, other than those consents, proceedings, 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.).
- 39 Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under 40 the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, 41 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) shall not be a debt or liability of the 42 State or of any political subdivision thereof other than the trust and 43 shall not create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or 44 obligation of the State or any political subdivision, but all these 45 bonds, notes and other obligations, unless funded or refunded by 46 bonds, notes or other obligations, shall be payable solely from 47 revenues or funds pledged or available for their payment as 48 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 bond, note and obligation shall contain on its face a statement to the effect that the trust is obligated to pay the principal thereof or the interest thereon only from its revenues, receipts or funds pledged or 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.), and that neither the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is obligated to pay the principal or interest and that neither the faith and 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 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 \$2,600,000,000. 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 also disclose the intent of the trust to issue and sell the refunding bonds at public or private sale and the reasons therefor.
- (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the trust in writing of the approval or disapproval within 30 days of receipt of the report. Should the committee not act within 30 days of receipt of the report, the trust may proceed with the sale of the refunding bonds, provided that the sale of refunding bonds shall realize not less than 3.00% net present value debt service savings.
- (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);
- (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 assignment of mortgages made to the trust by any person or entity, public or private, including one or more local government units and the rights and interest of the trust therein.
- i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, or otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, [2027] 2028.
- j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88). (cf: P.L.2007, c.138, s.2)
- 2. Section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9) is amended to read as follows:
- 9. a. (1) The trust may make and contract to make loans to local government units, or to a local government unit on behalf of another local government unit, in accordance with and subject to 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.) to finance the cost of any wastewater treatment system project or water supply project, which the local

government unit may lawfully undertake or acquire and for which the local government unit is authorized by law to borrow money.

- (2) The trust may make and contract to make loans to public water utilities, or to any other person or local government unit on behalf of a public water utility, in accordance with and subject to 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.) to finance the cost of any water supply project, which the public water utility may lawfully undertake or acquire.
- (3) The trust may make and contract to make loans to private persons other than local government units, or to any other person or local government unit on behalf of a private person, in accordance with and subject to 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.) to finance the cost of stormwater management systems.

The loans may be made subject to those terms and conditions as the trust shall determine to be consistent with the purposes thereof. Each loan by the trust and the terms and conditions thereof shall be subject to approval by the State Treasurer, and the trust shall make available to the State Treasurer all information, statistical data and reports of independent consultants or experts as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary in order to evaluate the loan. Each loan to a local government unit, public water utility or any other person shall be evidenced by notes, bonds or other obligations thereof issued to the trust. In the case of each local government unit, notes and bonds to be issued to the trust by the local government unit (1) shall be authorized and issued as provided by law for the issuance of notes and bonds by the local government unit, (2) shall be approved by the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, and (3) notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.40A:2-27, N.J.S.40A:2-28 and N.J.S.40A:2-29 or any other provisions of law to the contrary, may be sold at private sale to the trust at any price, whether or not less than par value, and shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at any times and at any prices as the trust and local government units may agree. Each loan to a local government unit, public water utility or any other person and the notes, bonds or other obligations thereby issued shall bear interest at a rate or rates per annum as the trust and the local government unit, public water utility or any other person, as the case may be, may agree.

b. The trust is authorized to guarantee or contract to guarantee the payment of all or any portion of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by a local government unit to finance the cost of any wastewater treatment system project or water supply project, which the local government unit may lawfully undertake or acquire and for which the local government unit is authorized by law to borrow money, and the guarantee shall constitute an obligation of the trust for the purposes 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.). Each guarantee by the trust and the terms and conditions thereof shall be subject to approval by the State Treasurer, and the trust shall make available to the State Treasurer all information, statistical data and reports of independent consultants or experts as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary in order to evaluate the guarantee.

- c. The trust shall not make or contract to make any loans or guarantees to local government units, public water utilities or any other person, or otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, [2027] 2028.
- Notwithstanding any provision 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.) to the contrary, the trust may receive funds from any source or issue its bonds, notes or other obligations in any principal amounts as in the judgment of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds to finance or refinance short-term or temporary loans to local government units, public water utilities or private persons for any wastewater treatment system projects included on the project priority list for the ensuing fiscal year and eligible for approval pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-20) or water supply projects included on the project priority list for the ensuing fiscal year and eligible for approval pursuant to section 24 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-20.1), as applicable, without regard to any other provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 or P.L.1997, c.224, including, without limitation, any administrative or legislative approvals.

The trust shall create and establish a special fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program Fund") for the short-term or temporary loan financing or refinancing program (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program").

Any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant to this subsection may only be made in advance of the anticipated loans the trust may make and contract to make under the provisions of subsection a. of this section to be financed or refinanced through the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust authorized under section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6). The trust may make short-term or temporary loans pursuant to the Interim Financing Program to any one or more of the project sponsors, for the respective projects thereof, identified in the interim Financing Program Eligibility List") in the form provided to the Legislature by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

The Interim Financing Program Eligibility List shall be submitted to the Legislature on or before June 30 of each year on a day when both Houses are meeting. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly shall cause the date of

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1	submission to be entered upon the Senate Journal and the Minutes
2	of the General Assembly, respectively. Any environmental
3	infrastructure project or the project sponsor thereof not identified in
4	the Interim Financing Program Eligibility List shall not be eligible
5	for a short-term or temporary loan from the Interim Financing
6	Program Fund.
7	(cf: P.L.2007, c.138, s.3)
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9	3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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12	STATEMENT
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14	This bill extends the statutory date after which the New Jersey
15	Environmental Infrastructure Trust may not incur any additional
16	indebtedness an additional calendar year to November 5, 2028. This
17	change is necessary to permit the 2008 New Jersey Environmental
18	Infrastructure Trust Financing Program to proceed as developed by
19	the Trust.
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24	Makes certain changes to the New Jersey Environmental

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2779

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

### 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 19, 2008

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON District 27 (Essex) Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE District 37 (Bergen)

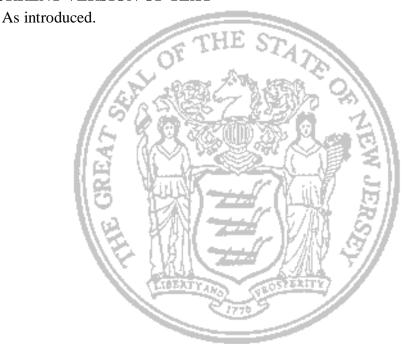
Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Diegnan, Senators Gordon and Scutari

#### **SYNOPSIS**

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

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2008)

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- 36 Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under 37 the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, 38 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) shall not be a debt or liability of the 39 State or of any political subdivision thereof other than the trust and 40 shall not create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or 41 obligation of the State or any political subdivision, but all these 42 bonds, notes and other obligations, unless funded or refunded by 43 bonds, notes or other obligations, shall be payable solely from 44 revenues or funds pledged or available for their payment as 45 authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, 46 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.). Each bond, note and obligation shall 47 contain on its face a statement to the effect that the trust is obligated 48 to pay the principal thereof or the interest thereon only from its

revenues, receipts or funds pledged or 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.), and that neither the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is obligated to pay the principal or interest and that neither the faith and 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 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 \$2,600,000,000. 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.
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- (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the trust in writing of the approval or disapproval within 30 days of receipt of the report. Should the committee not act within 30 days of receipt of the report, the trust may proceed with the sale of the refunding bonds, provided that the sale of refunding bonds shall realize not less than 3.00% net present value debt service savings.
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  - (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;
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  - i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, or otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, [2027] 2028.
    - j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88).

(cf: P.L.2007, c.138, s.2)

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(3) The trust may make and contract to make loans to private persons other than local government units, or to any other person or local government unit on behalf of a private person, in accordance with and subject to 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.) to finance the cost of stormwater management systems.

The loans may be made subject to those terms and conditions as the trust shall determine to be consistent with the purposes thereof. Each loan by the trust and the terms and conditions thereof shall be subject to approval by the State Treasurer, and the trust shall make available to the State Treasurer all information, statistical data and reports of independent consultants or experts as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary in order to evaluate the loan. Each loan to a local government unit, public water utility or any other person shall be evidenced by notes, bonds or other obligations thereof issued to the trust. In the case of each local government unit, notes and bonds to be issued to the trust by the local government unit (1) shall be authorized and issued as provided by law for the issuance of notes and bonds by the local government unit, (2) shall be approved by the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, and (3) notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.40A:2-27, N.J.S.40A:2-28 and N.J.S.40A:2-29 or any other provisions of law to the contrary, may be sold at private sale to the trust at any price, whether or not less than par value, and shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at any times and at any prices as the trust and local government units may agree. Each loan to a local government unit, public water utility or any other person and the notes, bonds or other obligations thereby issued shall bear interest at a rate or rates per annum as the trust and the local government unit, public water utility or any other person, as the case may be, may agree.

b. The trust is authorized to guarantee or contract to guarantee the payment of all or any portion of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by a local government unit to finance the cost of any wastewater treatment system project or water supply project, which the local government unit may lawfully undertake or acquire and for which the local government unit is authorized by law to borrow money, and the guarantee shall constitute an obligation of the trust for the purposes 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.). Each guarantee by the trust and the terms and conditions thereof shall be subject to approval by the State Treasurer, and the trust shall make available to the State Treasurer all information,

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statistical data and reports of independent consultants or experts as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary in order to evaluate the guarantee.

- c. The trust shall not make or contract to make any loans or guarantees to local government units, public water utilities or any other person, or otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, [2027] 2028.
- d. Notwithstanding any provision 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.) to the contrary, the trust may receive funds from any source or issue its bonds, notes or other obligations in any principal amounts as in the judgment of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds to finance or refinance short-term or temporary loans to local government units, public water utilities or private persons for any wastewater treatment system projects included on the project priority list for the ensuing fiscal year and eligible for approval pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-20) or water supply projects included on the project priority list for the ensuing fiscal year and eligible for approval pursuant to section 24 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-20.1), as applicable, without regard to any other provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 or P.L.1997, c.224, including, without limitation, any administrative or legislative approvals.

The trust shall create and establish a special fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program Fund") for the short-term or temporary loan financing or refinancing program (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program").

Any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant to this subsection may only be made in advance of the anticipated loans the trust may make and contract to make under the provisions of subsection a. of this section to be financed or refinanced through the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust authorized under section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6). The trust may make short-term or temporary loans pursuant to the Interim Financing Program to any one or more of the project sponsors, for the respective projects thereof, identified in the interim Financing Program Eligibility List") in the form provided to the Legislature by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

The Interim Financing Program Eligibility List shall be submitted to the Legislature on or before June 30 of each year on a day when both Houses are meeting. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly shall cause the date of submission to be entered upon the Senate Journal and the Minutes of the General Assembly, respectively. Any environmental infrastructure project or the project sponsor thereof not identified in the Interim Financing Program Eligibility List shall not be eligible

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### ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2779

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 22, 2008

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2779.

The bill extends the statutory date after which the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness in the additional calendar year to November 5, 2028. This change is necessary to permit the 2008 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

This bill extends by one year in which indebtedness may occur for the 2008 financing program to proceed.

## **SENATE, No. 1823**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 15, 2008

**Sponsored by:** 

Senator ROBERT M. GORDON

District 38 (Bergen)

**Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI** 

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)** 

### **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 amending P.L.1985, c.334.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

- 1. Section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6) is amended to read as follows:
- 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 (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 of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for any of its corporate purposes, including the payment, funding or refunding of the principal of, or interest or redemption premiums on, any bonds, notes or other obligations issued by it, whether the bonds, notes or other obligations or the interest or redemption premiums thereon to be funded or refunded have or have not become due, the establishment or increase of reserves or other funds to secure or to pay the bonds, notes or other obligations or interest thereon and all other costs or expenses of the trust incident to and necessary to carry out its corporate 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 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 times, bear interest at any rate or rates of interest per annum, be in any denomination or denominations, be in any form, either coupon, registered or book entry, carry any conversion or registration privileges, have any rank or priority, be executed in any manner, be payable in any coin or currency of the United States which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at any place or places within or without the State, and be subject to any terms of redemption by the trust or the holders thereof, with or without premium, as the resolution or resolutions may provide. A resolution of the trust authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations may provide that the bonds, notes or other obligations be secured by a trust indenture

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

between the trust and a trustee, vesting in the trustee any property, rights, powers and duties in trust consistent with the provisions of

3 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-

4 10.1 et al.) as the trust may determine.

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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 such manner as the trust shall determine, after notice of sale, a summary of which shall be published at least once in at least three newspapers published in the State of New Jersey and at least once in a publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news published in New Jersey or the city of New York, the first summary notice to be at least five days prior to the day of bidding. The notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that 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, 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 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 of any department, division, board, bureau or agency of the State, and without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things, other than those consents, proceedings, 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.).
- 36 Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under 37 the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, 38 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) shall not be a debt or liability of the 39 State or of any political subdivision thereof other than the trust and 40 shall not create or constitute any indebtedness, liability or 41 obligation of the State or any political subdivision, but all these 42 bonds, notes and other obligations, unless funded or refunded by 43 bonds, notes or other obligations, shall be payable solely from 44 revenues or funds pledged or available for their payment as 45 authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, 46 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.). Each bond, note and obligation shall 47 contain on its face a statement to the effect that the trust is obligated 48 to pay the principal thereof or the interest thereon only from its

revenues, receipts or funds pledged or 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.), and that neither the State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is obligated to pay the principal or interest and that neither the faith and 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 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 \$2,600,000,000. 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 also disclose the intent of the trust to issue and sell the refunding bonds at public or private sale and the reasons therefor.
- (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the trust in writing of the approval or disapproval within 30 days of receipt of the report. Should the committee not act within 30 days of receipt of the report, the trust may proceed with the sale of the refunding bonds, provided that the sale of refunding bonds shall realize not less than 3.00% net present value debt service savings.
- (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);
  - (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 assignment of mortgages made to the trust by any person or entity, public or private, including one or more local government units and the rights and interest of the trust therein.
  - i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other obligations, or otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or after November 5, [2027] 2028.
    - j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88).

35 (cf: P.L.2007, c.138, s.2)

- 37 2. Section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9) is amended to 38 read as follows:
  - 9. a. (1) The trust may make and contract to make loans to local government units, or to a local government unit on behalf of another local government unit, in accordance with and subject to 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.) to finance the cost of any wastewater treatment system project or water supply project, which the local government unit may lawfully undertake or acquire and for which the local government unit is authorized by law to borrow money.
  - (2) The trust may make and contract to make loans to public water utilities, or to any other person or local government unit on

behalf of a public water utility, in accordance with and subject to 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.) to finance the cost of any water supply project, which the public water utility may lawfully undertake or acquire.

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The loans may be made subject to those terms and conditions as the trust shall determine to be consistent with the purposes thereof. Each loan by the trust and the terms and conditions thereof shall be subject to approval by the State Treasurer, and the trust shall make available to the State Treasurer all information, statistical data and reports of independent consultants or experts as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary in order to evaluate the loan. Each loan to a local government unit, public water utility or any other person shall be evidenced by notes, bonds or other obligations thereof issued to the trust. In the case of each local government unit, notes and bonds to be issued to the trust by the local government unit (1) shall be authorized and issued as provided by law for the issuance of notes and bonds by the local government unit, (2) shall be approved by the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, and (3) notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.40A:2-27, N.J.S.40A:2-28 and N.J.S.40A:2-29 or any other provisions of law to the contrary, may be sold at private sale to the trust at any price, whether or not less than par value, and shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at any times and at any prices as the trust and local government units may agree. Each loan to a local government unit, public water utility or any other person and the notes, bonds or other obligations thereby issued shall bear interest at a rate or rates per annum as the trust and the local government unit, public water utility or any other person, as the case may be, may agree.

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The trust shall create and establish a special fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program Fund") for the short-term or temporary loan financing or refinancing program (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program").

Any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant to this subsection may only be made in advance of the anticipated loans the trust may make and contract to make under the provisions of subsection a. of this section to be financed or refinanced through the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust authorized under section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6). The trust may make short-term or temporary loans pursuant to the Interim Financing Program to any one or more of the project sponsors, for the respective projects thereof, identified in the interim financing project priority list (hereinafter referred to as the "Interim Financing Program Eligibility List") in the form provided to the Legislature by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

The Interim Financing Program Eligibility List shall be submitted to the Legislature on or before June 30 of each year on a day when both Houses are meeting. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly shall cause the date of submission to be entered upon the Senate Journal and the Minutes of the General Assembly, respectively. Any environmental infrastructure project or the project sponsor thereof not identified in the Interim Financing Program Eligibility List shall not be eligible

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### SENATE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1823** 

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**DATED: JUNE 9, 2008** 

The Senate Environment Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1823.

Senate Bill No. 1823 extends the statutory date after which the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness an additional calendar year to November 5, 2028. This change is necessary to permit the 2008 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust.

### SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1823

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**DATED: JUNE 16, 2008** 

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1823.

The bill extends the statutory date after which the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust may not incur any additional indebtedness an additional calendar year to November 5, 2028. This change is necessary to permit the 2008 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program to proceed as developed by the Trust.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2779.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

This bill is not certified for a Fiscal Note.