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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2046

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 6588 of the Government Code, relating to joint exercise of ~~powers, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~ powers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2046, as amended, Gomez. Joint exercise of powers: financing.

The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes the legislative or other governing bodies of 2 or more public agencies to jointly exercise by agreement any power common to the contracting parties, as specified, and authorizes a joint powers authority to exercise various powers, including, among others, the power to issue bonds, including bonds bearing interest, to pay the cost of any public capital improvement, working capital, or liability or other insurance program, as specified.

This bill would authorize a joint powers authority to issue or cause to be issued bonds and enter into a loan agreement for the financing or refinancing of a project that is situated in another state, including working capital related to that project, if the project and its financing meets certain conditions.

~~This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6588 of the Government Code is amended to read:

6588. In addition to other powers specified in an agreement pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) and Article 2 (commencing with Section 6540), the authority may do any or all of the following:

(a) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

(b) Sue and be sued in its own name.

(c) (1) Issue bonds, including, at the option of the authority, bonds bearing interest, to pay the cost of any public capital improvement, working capital, or liability or other insurance program.

(2) (A) In addition to paragraph (1), for any purpose for which an authority may execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered certificates of participation in a lease or installment sale agreement with any public or private entity, the authority, at its option, may issue or cause to be issued bonds, rather than certificates of participation, and enter into a loan agreement with the public or private entity.

(B) Notwithstanding Sections 6586 and 6586.5 or any other law, an authority may issue or cause to be issued bonds and enter into a loan agreement, pursuant to subparagraph (A), for the financing or refinancing of a project that is situated in another state, including working capital related to that project, if all of the following apply:

(i) The project is owned, developed, or operated by a private entity.

(ii) The issuance of bonds by the authority and the financing of the project is approved by resolution, order, or other official action of the city, county, or other public body with land use planning authority over the project, or of the state in which the project is situated. This clause does not apply to the issuance of refunding bonds if a prior financing or refinancing of the project was approved by the city, county, public body, or state.

(iii) The authority finds, based on the facts and circumstances attendant to the project or the financing or refinancing of the project, that the issuance of the bonds or the financing or

1 refinancing of the project will result in a substantial public benefit
2 to, and are for a public purpose of, the citizens of this state.

3 (d) Engage the services of private consultants to render
4 professional and technical assistance and advice in carrying out
5 the purposes of this article.

6 (e) As provided by applicable law, employ and compensate
7 bond counsel, financial consultants, and other advisers determined
8 necessary by the authority in connection with the issuance and sale
9 of any bonds.

10 (f) Contract for engineering, architectural, accounting, or other
11 services determined necessary by the authority for the successful
12 development of a public capital improvement.

13 (g) Pay the reasonable costs of consulting engineers, architects,
14 accountants, and construction, land-use, recreation, and
15 environmental experts employed by any sponsor or participant if
16 the authority determines those services are necessary for the
17 successful development of public capital improvements.

18 (h) Take title to, sell by installment sale or otherwise, or lease
19 lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way,
20 franchises, easements, and other interests in lands that are located
21 within the state that the authority determines are necessary or
22 convenient for the financing of public capital improvements, or
23 any portion thereof.

24 (i) Receive and accept from any source, loans, contributions,
25 or grants, in either money, property, labor, or other things of value,
26 for, or in aid of, the construction financing, or refinancing of public
27 capital improvement, or any portion thereof or for the financing
28 of working capital or insurance programs, or for the payment of
29 the principal of and interest on bonds if the proceeds of those bonds
30 are used for one or more of the purposes specified in this section.

31 (j) Make secured or unsecured loans to any local agency in
32 connection with the financing of capital improvement projects,
33 working capital or insurance programs in accordance with an
34 agreement between the authority and the local agency. However,
35 no loan shall exceed the total cost of the public capital
36 improvements, working capital or insurance needs of the local
37 agency as determined by the local agency and by the authority.

38 (k) Make secured or unsecured loans to any local agency in
39 accordance with an agreement between the authority and the local
40 agency to refinance indebtedness incurred by the local agency in

1 connection with public capital improvements undertaken and
2 completed.

3 (l) Mortgage all or any portion of its interest in public capital
4 improvements and the property on which any project is located,
5 whether owned or thereafter acquired, including the granting of a
6 security interest in any property, tangible or intangible.

7 (m) Assign or pledge all or any portion of its interests in
8 mortgages, deeds of trust, indentures of mortgage or trust, or
9 similar instruments, notes, and security interests in property,
10 tangible or intangible, of a local agency to which the authority has
11 made loans, and the revenues therefrom, including payment or
12 income from any interest owned or held by the authority, for the
13 benefit of the holders of bonds issued to finance public capital
14 improvements. The pledge of moneys, revenues, accounts, contract
15 rights, or rights to payment of any kind made by or to the authority
16 pursuant to the authority granted in this part shall be valid and
17 binding from the time the pledge is made for the benefit of the
18 pledgees and successors thereto, against all parties irrespective of
19 whether the parties have notice of the claim.

20 (n) Lease the public capital improvements being financed to a
21 local agency, upon terms and conditions that the authority deems
22 proper; charge and collect rents therefor; terminate any lease upon
23 the failure of the lessee to comply with any of the obligations of
24 the lease; include in any lease provisions that the lessee shall have
25 options to renew the lease for a period or periods, and at rents as
26 determined by the authority; purchase or sell by an installment
27 agreement or otherwise any or all of the public capital
28 improvements; or, upon payment of all the indebtedness incurred
29 by the authority for the financing or refinancing of the public
30 capital improvements, the authority may convey any or all of the
31 project to the lessee or lessees.

32 (o) Charge and apportion to local agencies that benefit from its
33 services the administrative costs and expenses incurred in the
34 exercise of the powers authorized by this article. These fees shall
35 be set at a rate sufficient to recover, but not exceed, the authority's
36 costs of issuance and administration. The fee charged to each local
37 obligation acquired by the pool shall not exceed that obligation's
38 proportionate share of those costs. The level of these fees shall be
39 disclosed to the California Debt and Investment Advisory
40 Commission pursuant to Section 6599.1.

1 (p) Issue, obtain, or aid in obtaining, from any department or
2 agency of the United States or of the state, or any private company,
3 any insurance or guarantee to, or for, the payment or repayment
4 of interest or principal, or both, or any part thereof, on any loan,
5 lease, or obligation or any instrument evidencing or securing the
6 same, made or entered into pursuant to this article.

7 (q) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, enter
8 into any agreement, contract, or any other instrument with respect
9 to any insurance or guarantee; accept payment in the manner and
10 form as provided therein in the event of default by a local agency;
11 and assign any insurance or guarantee that acts as security for the
12 authority's bonds.

13 (r) Enter into any agreement or contract, execute any instrument,
14 and perform any act or thing necessary, convenient, or desirable
15 to carry out any power authorized by this article.

16 (s) Invest any moneys held in reserve or sinking funds, or any
17 moneys not required for immediate use or disbursement, in
18 obligations that are authorized by law for the investment of trust
19 funds.

20 (t) At the request of affected local agencies, combine and pledge
21 revenues to public capital improvements for repayment of one or
22 more series of bonds issued pursuant to this article.

23 (u) Delegate to any of its individual parties or other responsible
24 individuals the power to act on its behalf subject to its general
25 direction, guidelines, and oversight.

26 (v) Purchase, with the proceeds of its bonds or its revenue, bonds
27 issued by any local agency at public or negotiated sale. Bonds
28 purchased pursuant to this subdivision may be held by the authority
29 or sold to public or private purchasers at public or negotiated sale,
30 in whole or in part, separately or together with other bonds issued
31 by the authority.

32 (w) Purchase, with the proceeds of its bonds or its revenue, VLF
33 receivables sold to the authority pursuant to Section 6588.5. VLF
34 receivables so purchased may be pledged to the payment of bonds
35 issued by the authority or may be resold to public or private
36 purchasers at public or negotiated sale, in whole or in part,
37 separately or together with other VLF receivables purchased by
38 the authority.

39 (x) (1) Purchase, with the proceeds of its bonds or its revenue,
40 Proposition 1A receivables pursuant to Section 6588.6. Proposition

1 1A receivables so purchased may be pledged to the payment of
2 bonds issued by the authority or may be resold to public or private
3 purchasers at public or negotiated sales, in whole or in part,
4 separately or together with other Proposition 1A receivables
5 purchased by the authority.

6 (2) (A) All entities subject to a reduction of ad valorem property
7 tax revenues required under Section 100.06 of the Revenue and
8 Taxation Code pursuant to the suspension set forth in Section
9 100.05 of the Revenue and Taxation Code shall be afforded the
10 opportunity to sell their Proposition 1A receivables to the authority.

11 (B) If these entities offer Proposition 1A receivables to the
12 authority for purchase and duly authorize the sale of the Proposition
13 ~~1A-receivable~~ *receivables* pursuant to documentation approved
14 by the authority, the authority shall purchase all Proposition 1A
15 receivables so offered to the extent it can sell bonds therefor. If
16 the authority does not purchase all Proposition 1A receivables
17 offered, it shall purchase a pro rata share of each entity's offered
18 Proposition 1A receivables.

19 (C) The authority may establish a deadline, no earlier than
20 November 3, 2009, by which these entities shall offer their
21 Proposition 1A receivables for sale to the authority and complete
22 the application required by the authority.

23 (3) For purposes of meeting costs incurred in performing its
24 duties relative to the purchase and sale of Proposition 1A
25 receivables, the authority shall be authorized to charge a fee to
26 each entity from which it purchases a Proposition 1A receivable.
27 The fee shall be computed based on the percentage value of the
28 Proposition 1A receivable purchased from each entity, in relation
29 to the value of all Proposition 1A receivables purchased by the
30 authority. The amount of the fee shall be paid from the proceeds
31 of the bonds and shall be included in the principal amount of the
32 bonds.

33 (4) Terms and conditions of any and all fees and expenses
34 charged by the authority, or those it contracts with, and the terms
35 and conditions of sales of Proposition 1A receivables and bonds
36 issued pursuant to this subdivision, including the terms of optional
37 early redemption provisions, if any, shall be approved by the
38 Treasurer and the Director of Finance, who shall not unreasonably
39 withhold their approval. The aggregate principal amount of all
40 bonds issued pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed two

1 billion two hundred fifty million dollars (\$2,250,000,000), and the
2 rate of interest paid on those bonds shall not exceed 8 percent per
3 annum. The authority shall exercise its best efforts to obtain the
4 lowest cost financing possible. Any and all premium obtained shall
5 be used for either of the following:

6 (A) Applied to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds.

7 (B) Deposited in a trust account that is pledged to bondholders
8 and used solely for the payment of interest on, or for repayment
9 of, the bonds.

10 (5) (A) In connection with any financing backed by Proposition
11 1A receivables, the Treasurer may retain financial advisors, legal
12 counsel, and other consultants to assist in performing the duties
13 required by this chapter and related to that financing.

14 (B) Notwithstanding any other law, none of the following shall
15 apply to any agreements entered into by the Treasurer pursuant to
16 subparagraph (A) in connection with any Proposition 1A financing:

17 (i) Section 11040 of the Government Code.

18 (ii) Section 10295 of the Public Contract Code.

19 (iii) Article 3 (commencing with Section 10300) and Article 4
20 (commencing with Section 10335) of, Chapter 2 of Part 2 of
21 Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, except for the authority
22 of the Department of Finance under Section 10336 of the Public
23 Contract Code to direct a state agency to transmit to it a contract
24 for review, and except for Section 10348.5 of the Public Contract
25 Code.

26 (C) Any costs incurred by the Treasurer in connection with any
27 Proposition 1A financing shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds
28 of the financing.

29 (y) Set any other terms and conditions on any purchase or sale
30 pursuant to this section as it deems by resolution to be necessary,
31 appropriate, and in the public interest, in furtherance of the
32 purposes of this article.

33 ~~SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the~~
34 ~~immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within~~
35 ~~the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into~~
36 ~~immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:~~

37 ~~In order to timely provide essential bonding authority for the~~
38 ~~funding of multi-state, public-private projects that are necessary~~
39 ~~to ensure California's national and international competitiveness~~

- 1 ~~and public benefits in this state, it is necessary that this act take~~
- 2 ~~effect immediately.~~

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