



[HF 2433](#) – County Bonding (LSB5910HV)
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Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

[House File 2433](#) changes the restrictions on the issuance of general obligation bonds by counties for purposes of public buildings. Current law specifies that the cost of the project cannot exceed:

- \$600,000 in a county having a population of 25,000 or less.
- \$750,000 in a county having a population of 25,001 to 50,000.
- \$900,000 in a county having a population of 50,001 to 100,000.
- \$1.2 million in a county having a population of 100,001 to 200,000.
- \$1.5 million in a county having a population of more than 200,000.

The Bill applies those restrictions to the principal amount of the bonds, rather than the cost of the project. This would permit counties to combine funds from other sources with bond revenue to complete building projects. Under current law, counties wishing to use bond revenue for building projects must bond for the entire cost of the project.

Background

County issuance of general purpose bonds requires approval by at least 60.0% of the votes cast in a county special election unless the amount of bond issuance is limited to:

- \$100,000 in a county having a population of 20,000 or less.
- \$200,000 in a county having a population of 50,000 or less.
- \$300,000 in a county having a population exceeding 50,000.

Assumptions

By permitting the issuance of general obligation bonds for smaller amounts, the number of county special elections required may be reduced by the Bill.

Fiscal Impact

[House File 2433](#) is likely to result in cost savings related to county special elections and debt service. It is unknown how many fewer elections would be held.

Source

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