

HOUSE BILL 552

By McManus

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9,
Chapter 21, relative to issuance of local
government debt.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-21-103, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsections thereto:

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, once debt has been issued by a public entity, whether under this chapter or under other authority, any change to the debt structure, whether through refunding, renewal, extension, or otherwise, must first be approved by the comptroller of the treasury pursuant to guidelines established by the state funding board before the debt can be refunded, renewed, extended, or otherwise changed.

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the comptroller of the treasury must approve any debt before it is issued by a public entity, whether under this chapter or under other authority, pursuant to guidelines established by the state funding board.

(d) As used in this section, "public entity" means a local government, a local government instrumentality, or any other authority, board, district, instrumentality, or entity created by a local government, a local government instrumentality, or combination, thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.