



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7208

LCO No. 6069



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REFERENDA ON THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITIES OR OTHER ASSETS OR THE PRIVATIZATION OF
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT SERVICES OR FUNCTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) (1) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of any special act, charter or home rule ordinance and except
3 as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in any municipality where
4 the legislative body has authorized, on or after July 1, 2025, such
5 municipality to enter into an agreement for (A) the sale of any municipal
6 authority or other municipal asset, excluding unimproved real
7 property, to a private company, or (B) the provision of services or the
8 performance of functions by a private company that are substantially
9 similar to and in lieu of services provided or functions performed by
10 municipal employees, a petition signed by ten per cent or more of the
11 electors of such municipality may be filed with the municipal clerk, not
12 later than thirty days after the legislative body has granted such
13 authorization, proposing that such authorization be submitted to the
14 electors of the municipality at the next regular election.

15 (2) If the municipal clerk determines that a petition described in
 16 subdivision (1) of this subsection satisfies the requirements of said
 17 subdivision, such municipal clerk shall notify the legislative body and
 18 chief executive officer of such municipality that the necessary action has
 19 been taken for submission to the electors and a referendum shall be held
 20 at the next regular election, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
 21 152 of the general statutes, on whether to approve of the legislative
 22 body's authorization under said subdivision.

23 (3) If a majority of the electors voting at the referendum held pursuant
 24 to subdivision (2) of this subsection approve of the legislative body's
 25 authorization under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the municipality
 26 may proceed with entering into an agreement for the purposes of
 27 subparagraph (A) or (B), as applicable, of subdivision (1) of this
 28 subsection. If a majority of such electors do not so approve, the
 29 municipality may not so proceed.

30 (b) In any municipality operating under a special act, charter or home
 31 rule ordinance pursuant to which less than ten per cent of the electors
 32 of such municipality may file a petition to hold a referendum on a matter
 33 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the
 34 provisions of such special act, charter or home rule ordinance shall
 35 prevail over the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a municipality's decision to sell an authority or other asset, or privatize a department's services or functions, shall, upon the petition of ten per cent of the electors of such municipality, be put to a referendum and voted upon by the electors of such municipality.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]