



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7208

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***AN ACT CONCERNING REFERENDA ON THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITIES, DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES OR ASSETS THEREOF
OR THE PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL 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, department or agency, or any asset of any such authority,
7 department or agency, 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 five per cent or more of the
11 electors of such municipality, and complying with the provisions of
12 section 7-9 of the general statutes, may be filed with the municipal clerk,
13 not later than thirty days after the legislative body has granted such
14 authorization, proposing that such authorization be submitted to the
15 electors of the municipality at the next regular election. Until the
16 expiration of such thirty-day period and unless the municipal clerk
17 determines that such petition fails to satisfy the requirements of this
18 subdivision, the municipality shall not finalize entering into any

19 agreement described in this subdivision.

20 (2) If the municipal clerk determines that a petition described in
21 subdivision (1) of this subsection satisfies the requirements of said
22 subdivision, such municipal clerk shall notify the legislative body and
23 chief executive officer of such municipality that the necessary action has
24 been taken for submission to the electors and a referendum shall be held
25 at the next regular election, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
26 152 of the general statutes, on whether to approve of the legislative
27 body's authorization under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

28 (3) If a majority of the electors voting at the referendum held pursuant
29 to subdivision (2) of this subsection approve of the legislative body's
30 authorization under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the municipality
31 may proceed with entering into an agreement for the purposes of
32 subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, as
33 applicable. If a majority of such electors do not so approve, the
34 municipality shall not so proceed and shall be prohibited from entering
35 into any agreement for such purposes, with respect to such municipal
36 authority, department, agency or any asset thereof or with respect to
37 such services provided or functions performed, for a period of five
38 years.

39 (b) In any municipality operating under a special act, charter or home
40 rule ordinance pursuant to which less than five per cent of the electors
41 of such municipality may file a petition to hold a referendum on a matter
42 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the
43 provisions of such special act, charter or home rule ordinance shall
44 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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a)(2), "under said subdivision (1)" was changed to "under subdivision (1) of this subsection" for consistency with standard drafting conventions; and in Subsec. (a)(3), "subparagraph (A) or (B), as applicable, of subdivision (1) of this subsection" was changed to "subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, as applicable" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*