



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7208

January Session, 2025



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:		
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