



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO VOTE UPON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ACT NO. 9 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SIXTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, APPROVED JANUARY 21, 1960, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING THE PERMANENT FINANCING OF THE COST OF SECURING AND DEVELOPING INDUSTRY (THE PARTICULAR INDUSTRIAL PROJECT IS DESCRIBED IN THE ORDINANCE); PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Gilbert International, Inc., an Arkansas corporation (“Gilbert International”) has proposed a substantial industrial project which will furnish employment and payrolls and otherwise result the public benefits, all in the best interest of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas (the “City”) and its citizens and inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed industrial project will consist of lands, buildings, improvements, machinery, equipment and facilities for an industrial plant which will be utilized for the manufacturing of such products as Gilbert International shall elect to manufacture (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in order to make the necessary provision for the permanent financing of the Project costs and the expenses of authorizing and issuing bonds, the City proposes to issue not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in principal amount of bonds (the “bonds”) under the provisions of Act No. 9 of the First Extraordinary session of the Sixty-Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, approved January 21, 1960, as amended (“Act No. 9”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to submit the question of the issuance of the bonds to the electors of the City at a special election called for that purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas:

Section 1: That a special election be, and the same is hereby, called to be held in the City on the 10th day of April, 1973, at which election there will be submitted to the electors of the City the question of issuing Industrial Development Revenue Bonds under Act No. 9 in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of furnishing permanent financing of the cost of securing an developing industry (the particular industrial project is described above). The bonds will be dated, will bear interest at the rate or rates, the interest will be payable on such dates, the bonds will mature on such date or dates, the bonds will be subject to redemption prior to maturity in such manner and upon such terms, and the bonds will be issued at one time or in series from time to time, all as the City Council shall subsequently determine and specify in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

Section 2: That the question shall be placed on the ballot for the election in substantially the following form:

Vote on measure by placing an “X” in the square above the measure either FOR or AGAINST:

FOR the issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds by the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000

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AGAINST the issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds by the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed

\$1,000,000.....___\

It is proposed to issue City of Jonesboro, Arkansas ("City") Industrial Development Revenue Bonds ("bonds") under Act No. 9 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Sixty-Second General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, approved January 21, 1960, as amended ("Act No. 9"), in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of furnishing the permanent financing of the costs of securing and developing industry. The bonds will be dated, the bonds will bear interest at such rate or rates, the interest will be payable on such dates, the bonds will mature on such date or dates, the bonds will be subject to redemption prior to maturity in such manner and upon such terms, and the bonds will be issued at one time or in series from time to time, all as the City Council shall subsequently determine and specify in the ordinance authorizing their issuance. The proposed industrial project will consist of lands, buildings, improvements, machinery, equipment and facilities for an industrial plant (the "Project"), and the proceeds of the bonds will be sufficient to pay Project costs and expenses of issuing the bonds. The Project will be owned by the City and will be leased to Gilbert International, Inc., an Arkansas corporation ("Gilbert International") for lease rentals sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of the interest on the bonds. The bonds will not be general obligations of the City but will be special obligations payable solely from Project revenues, including particularly lease rentals under the Lease and Agreement with Gilbert International referred to above, which will be specifically pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds, and the bonds will be secured by a lien on and security interest in the Project as authorized ay Act No. 9.

Section 3: That the election shall be held and conducted and the vote canvassed and the results declared under the law and in the manner provided for municipal elections, so far as the same may be applicable and the Mayor shall give notice of such election by an advertisement published once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the City with the last publication to be not less than ten days prior to the date of the election, and only qualified electors of the City shall have the right to vote at said election on the question.

Section 4: That the results of the election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor and his proclamation shall be published one time in the newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the City, which proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty (30) days after the date of such proclamation.

Section 5: That, a copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished to the Craighead County Board of Election Commissioners so that the necessary election officials and supplies may be provided.

Section 6: That there is hereby found and declared to be an immediate need for the securing and developing of industry in order to provide additional employment, increased payrolls, alleviate unemployment and provide other benefits incidental thereto, and the issuance of the bonds referred to in this Ordinance is essential to accomplishing the said public benefits. It is, therefore, declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare shall be in force and take effect immediately upon and after its passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 1973.

