



## Legislation Text

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Resolution authorizing the issuance of conduit revenue refunding bonds under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 through 469.1655 for the Minnesota Public Radio Project, 480 Cedar Street and approving related documents; District 17, Ward 2

WHEREAS, the purpose of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 to 469.1655, as amended (the "Act"), as found and determined by the legislature, is to promote the welfare of the state by the active attraction and encouragement and development of economically sound industry and commerce to prevent so far as possible the emergence of blighted and marginal lands and areas of chronic unemployment;

WHEREAS, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "HRA") is duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, under the Act, each housing and redevelopment authority of the State of Minnesota, including the HRA, is authorized to issue revenue bonds to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, the costs of the acquisition, construction, improvement, or extension of revenue producing enterprises, whether or not operated for profit;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Public Radio, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the "Borrower"), has requested that the HRA refinance the project described below by refunding the HRA's Revenue Refunding Bonds (Minnesota Public Radio Project), Series 2010 (the "Prior Bonds") which previously refunded the HRA's Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds (Minnesota Public Radio Project), Series 2005 which were issued to finance capital expenditures in connection with an expansion of the Borrower's facilities located at 480 Cedar Street in the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "City") (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the HRA has been advised by representatives of the Borrower that conventional, commercial financing to refinance the capital cost of the Project is available only on a limited basis and at such high costs of borrowing that the economic feasibility of operating the facilities would be significantly reduced;

WHEREAS, based on representations of the Borrower, no public official of the HRA or the City has either a direct or indirect financial interest in the Project nor will any public official either directly or indirectly benefit financially from the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (the "Board") as follows:

### **SECTION 1. LEGAL AUTHORIZATION AND FINDINGS.**

1.1 Findings. The HRA hereby finds, determines and declares as follows:

(a) The HRA is a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota and is authorized under the Act to assist the revenue producing Project, and to issue and sell its Revenue Refunding Bond (Minnesota Public Radio Project), Series 2020 (the "Bond") for the purpose, in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and in this Resolution.

(b) The issuance and sale of the Bond by the HRA, pursuant to the Act, is in the best

interest of the HRA, and the HRA hereby determines to issue the Bond and to sell the Bond to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., or another financial institution selected by the Borrower (the "Lender"), as provided herein in accordance with a Continuing Covenant Agreement (the "Covenant Agreement") between the Borrower and the Lender and a Forward Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") among the Borrower, the Lender and American Public Media Group, the parent corporation of the Borrower, (the "Guarantor"). The HRA will loan the proceeds of the Bond to the Borrower (the "Loan") in order to refinance the Project.

(c) Pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") to be entered into between the HRA and the Borrower, the Borrower will agree to repay the Loan in specified amounts and at specified times sufficient to pay in full when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond. In addition, the Loan Agreement contains provisions relating to the maintenance and operation of the Project, indemnification, insurance, and other agreements and covenants which are required or permitted by the Act and which the HRA, the Lender and the Borrower deem necessary or desirable for the refinancing of the Project.

(d) Pursuant to a Pledge Agreement (the "Pledge Agreement") to be entered into between the HRA and the Lender, the HRA will pledge and grant a security interest in all of its rights, title, and interest in the Loan Agreement to the Lender (except for certain rights of indemnification and to reimbursement for certain costs and expenses).

(e) The Loan and the Bond will be further secured by a Guaranty Agreement, from the Guarantor for the benefit of the Lender pursuant to which the Guarantor will guaranty the Borrower's obligations under the Loan Agreement (the "Guaranty") and by certain financial covenants of the Borrower pursuant to the Covenant Agreement.

(f) The Bond will be a special, limited obligation of the HRA. The Bond shall not be payable from or a charge upon any funds other than the revenues pledged to the payment thereof, nor shall the HRA or the City be subject to any liability thereon. No holder of the Bond shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the HRA or the City to pay the Bond or the interest thereon, nor to enforce payment thereof against any property of the HRA or the City. The Bond shall not constitute a debt of the HRA or the City within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation.

(g) It is desirable, feasible and consistent with the objects and purposes of the Act to issue the Bond, for the purpose of refinancing the cost of the Project.

## **SECTION 2. THE BOND.**

2.1 Authorized Maximum Amount, Form of Bond and Interest Rate. The Bond is hereby approved and shall be issued pursuant to this Resolution in substantially the form on file with the Executive Director of the HRA with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are necessary and appropriate and are permitted or required by this Resolution, and in accordance with the further provisions hereof. The Bond shall be issued in a denomination equal to its entire principal balance and the total aggregate principal amount of the Bond that may be outstanding hereunder is expressly limited to the outstanding principal balance of the Prior Bonds. The Bond shall bear interest at the rate set forth therein, determined by the Borrower and the Lender; provided that the interest rate on the Bond will be fixed at closing and, subject to current market conditions, will not exceed 4.00% per annum. Provided further, such rate shall be subject to adjustment pursuant to the terms as set forth in the Bond and related loan documents.

2.2 The Bond. The Bond shall be dated as of the date of delivery to the Lender, shall be payable at the times and in the manner, and shall be subject to such other terms and conditions, as are set forth therein.

2.3 Execution of the Bond. The Bond shall be executed on behalf of the HRA by the signatures of

its Chair or any Commissioner, the Executive Director of the HRA, and the Director of the Office of Financial Services of the City (collectively, the "HRA Officials") and shall be sealed with the seal of the HRA; provided that the seal may be intentionally omitted as provided by law. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on the Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery. In the event of the absence or disability of any of the HRA Officials such officer(s) of the HRA as, in the opinion of the City Attorney, may act in their behalf, shall without further act or authorization of the Board execute and deliver the Bond.

2.4 Disposition of Proceeds of the Bond. Upon delivery of the Bond to the Lender, the Lender shall, on behalf of the HRA, advance the proceeds of the Bond to refund the Prior Bonds in accordance with the terms of the Loan Agreement.

2.5 Registration of Transfer. The HRA will cause to be kept at the office of the Executive Director of the HRA a Bond Register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the HRA shall provide for the registration of transfers of ownership of the Bond. The Bond shall be initially registered in the name of the Lender and, subject to the limitations on transfer provided herein, shall be transferable upon the applicable Bond Register by the Lender in person or by its agent duly authorized in writing, upon surrender of the Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Executive Director of the HRA, duly executed by the Lender or its duly authorized agent. The HRA will require, as a precondition to any transfer, that the transferee provide to the HRA an investor letter in a form satisfactory to the HRA and other evidence satisfactory to the HRA that the transferee is a financial institution or other accredited investor under the securities laws. The following form of assignment shall be sufficient for purposes of assigning the Bond.

For value received \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto \_\_\_\_\_ the attached Bond of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer said Bond on the books of said Authority with full power of substitution in the premises. The undersigned certifies that the transfer is made in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2.5 and 2.8 of the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bond.

Dated:

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Registered Owner

Upon such transfer the Executive Director of the HRA shall note the date of registration and the name and address of the successor Lender in the applicable Bond Register and in the registration blank appearing on the Bond.

2.6 Mutilated, Lost or Destroyed Bond. In case the Bond issued hereunder shall become mutilated or be destroyed or lost, the HRA shall, if not then prohibited by law, cause to be executed and delivered, a new Bond of like outstanding principal amount, number and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of such mutilated Bond, or in lieu of and in substitution for such Bond destroyed or lost, upon the payment by the Lender of the reasonable expenses and charges of the HRA in connection therewith, and in the case of a Bond destroyed or lost, the filing with the HRA of evidence satisfactory to the HRA with indemnity satisfactory to it. If the mutilated, destroyed or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms it shall not be necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

2.7 Ownership of Bond. In accordance with the policy of the HRA, the Lender will be required to execute and deliver an investor letter or certification to the HRA, confirming that the Lender is either (a) a

“qualified institutional buyer” as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”), that purchases for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer, or (b) an “accredited investor” as defined in Regulation D promulgated under the 1933 Act, that purchases the Bond for its own account and without registration under state or other securities laws, pursuant to an exemption for such sale. The HRA may deem and treat the person in whose name the Bond is last registered in the Bond Register and by notation on the Bond whether or not such Bond shall be overdue, as the absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the Principal Balance, redemption price or interest and for all other purposes whatsoever, and the HRA shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

2.8 Limitation on Bond Transfers. The Bond will be issued to a “qualified institutional buyer” or an “accredited investor” and without registration under state or other securities laws, pursuant to an exemption for such sale; and accordingly the Bond may not be assigned or transferred in whole or part, except to another “accredited investor” or “qualified institutional buyer”. The HRA will require, as a precondition to any transfer, that the transferee provide to the HRA an investor letter or certification substantially in the form required of, and delivered upon issuance of the Bond by, the Lender in accordance with Section 2.7 hereof and other evidence satisfactory to the HRA that the transferee is a “qualified institutional buyer” or an “accredited investor”.

2.9 Issuance of a New Bond. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.8, the HRA shall, at the request and expense of the Lender, issue a new Bond, in aggregate outstanding principal amount equal to that of the Bond surrendered, and of like tenor except as to number, principal amount, and the amount of the periodic installments payable thereunder, and registered in the name of the Lender or such transferee as may be designated by the Lender.

2.10 Deemed Designation of Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. In connection with the deemed designation of the Bond as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, the HRA makes the following factual findings:

- (a) the Bond is not treated as a “private activity bond” under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;
- (b) the Bond is being issued to refund the outstanding Prior Bonds;
- (c) the Prior Bonds were previously designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;
- (d) the average maturity of the Bond will not be longer than the average maturity of the refunded portion of the Prior Bonds and the Bond will mature not later than 30 years after the date the Prior Bonds were issued;
- (e) the Bond is being issued in an amount which does not exceed the outstanding principal amount of the Prior Bonds; and
- (f) the aggregate face amount of the issue of the Bonds is not greater than \$10,000,000.

### **SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS.**

3.1 Severability. If any provision of this Resolution shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions or in all jurisdictions or in all cases because it conflicts with any provisions of any constitution or statute or rule or public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in

question inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstance, or of rendering any other provision or provisions contained herein invalid, inoperative, or unenforceable to any extent whatever. The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in this Resolution shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof.

3.2 Authentication of Transcript. The officers of the HRA are directed to furnish to Bond Counsel certified copies of this Resolution and all documents referred to herein, and affidavits or certificates as to all other matters which are reasonably necessary to evidence the validity of the Bond. All such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall constitute recitals of the HRA as to the correctness of all statements contained therein.

3.3 Authorization to Execute Agreements. The forms of the proposed Bond, Loan Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, Covenant Agreement, Purchase Agreement, and Guaranty (collectively and, together with such other documents as Bond Counsel considers appropriate in connection with the issuance of the Bond and redemption of the Prior Bonds, the "Financing Documents") are hereby approved in substantially the forms on file with the Executive Director of the HRA, together with such additional details therein as may be necessary and appropriate and such modifications thereof, deletions therefrom and additions thereto as may be necessary and appropriate and approved by Bond Counsel prior to the execution of the documents. The HRA Officials are authorized to execute the Financing Documents to which the HRA is a party, in the name of and on behalf of the HRA. In the event of the absence or disability of any of the HRA Officials, such officer(s) of the HRA as, in the opinion of the City Attorney for the HRA, may act on their behalf, shall without further act or authorization of the Board do all things and execute all instruments and documents required to be done or executed by such absent or disabled officers. The execution of any instrument by the appropriate officer or officers of the HRA herein authorized shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of such documents in accordance with the terms hereof.

3.4 Future Amendments. The authority to approve, execute and deliver future amendments to the Financing Documents entered into by the HRA in connection with the issuance of the Bond and any consents required under the Financing Documents is hereby delegated to the HRA Officials, subject to the following conditions: (a) such amendments or consents do not require the consent of the holder of the Bond or such consent has been obtained; (b) such amendments or consents do not materially adversely affect the interests of the HRA; (c) such amendments or consents do not contravene or violate any policy of the HRA, and (d) such amendments or consents are acceptable in form and substance to the counsel retained by the HRA to review such amendments. The authorization hereby given shall be further construed as authorization for the execution and delivery of such certificates and related items as may be required to demonstrate compliance with the agreements being amended and the terms of this Resolution. The execution of any instrument by the Executive Director shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of such instruments in accordance with the terms hereof. In the absence of the Executive Director any instrument authorized by this paragraph to be executed and delivered may be executed by the officer of the HRA or the City authorized to act in his or her place and stead.

3.5 Program. The HRA has established a governmental program of acquiring purpose investments for qualified 501(c)(3) organizations' projects. The governmental program is one in which the following requirements of §1.148-1(b) of the federal regulations relating to tax-exempt obligations shall be met:

- (a) the program involves the origination or acquisition of purpose investments;
- (b) at least 95% of the cost of the purpose investments acquired under the program represents one or more loans to a substantial number of persons representing the general public, states or political subdivisions, 501(c)(3) organizations, persons who provide housing and related facilities, or any combination of the foregoing;

(c) at least 95% of the receipts from the purpose investments are used to pay principal, interest, or redemption prices on issues that financed the program, to pay or reimburse administrative costs of those issues or of the program, to pay or reimburse anticipated future losses directly related to the program, to finance additional purpose investments for the same general purposes of the program, or to redeem and retire governmental obligations at the next earliest possible date of redemption;

(d) the program documents prohibit any obligor on a purpose investment financed by the program or any related party to that obligor from purchasing bonds of an issue that finances the program in an amount related to the amount of the purpose investment acquired from that obligor; and

(e) the HRA shall not waive the right to treat the investment as a program investment.

3.6 Costs; Indemnification by Borrower. The Borrower has agreed and it is hereby determined that any and all costs incurred by the HRA and the Lender in connection with refinancing the Project and refunding the Prior Bonds will be paid by the Borrower whether or not the Bond is issued. It is understood and agreed that the Borrower shall indemnify the HRA and the Lender against all liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the HRA and the Lender) arising with respect to the Project, the Financing Documents, or the Bond, as further provided for and agreed to by the Borrower, the HRA and the Lender in the Financing Documents.

3.7 Headings; Terms. Paragraph headings in this resolution are for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof. Capitalized terms used, but not defined, herein shall have the meanings given them in, or pursuant to, the Financing Documents.