## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1175**

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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 10-126, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an exception relating to
- 3 redemption; to change a procedure for calling; to eliminate a notice
- 4 requirement; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

2 amended to read:

10-126 (1) All bonds of indebtedness, issued after September 7, 3 4 1947, by any county, precinct, city, village, school district, drainage 5 district, or irrigation district or any other municipal corporation or governmental subdivision of the state shall be redeemable at the option 6 of the governmental subdivision or municipal corporation issuing such 7 bonds at any time on or after five years from the date of issuance, 8 9 except that this provision shall not apply to (a) bonds of public power 10 districts, public power and irrigation districts, metropolitan utilities districts, cities of the metropolitan and primary classes, and housing 11 authorities of any city or village, (b) issues of revenue bonds exceeding 12 13 one million dollars of cities of the first and second classes and of villages, (c) issues of bonds exceeding ten million dollars of any school 14 district of one thousand or more students in membership as provided in 15 the fall school district membership report pursuant to subsection (4) of 16 17 section 79-528 immediately preceding the issuance of bonds, or (d) bonds issued by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska or the Board 18 of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, or (e) bonds of counties sold 19 to an underwriting firm pursuant to a competitive sale, including the 20 method of sale described in section 10-145. Bonds of a district created 21 22 under Chapter 31 or 39 shall in addition, after annexation of the 23 district by any municipality, be redeemable at the option of the annexing 24 municipality at any time after annexation of such district if at the time 25 of redemption at least five years have elapsed from date of issuance. Such condition shall be plainly set forth in all bonds of any 26 governmental subdivision of the state or municipal corporation hereafter 27 28 issued to which it applies.

(2) The issuer, except districts organized under Chapter 31 or 39, of any such bonds of indebtedness, when the total amount of bonds at par value authorized as a single issue is five hundred thousand dollars or

- 1 more, may agree to pay a call premium of not to exceed four percent of
- 2 the par value for the redemption of such bonds. Districts organized under
- 3 Chapter 31 or 39 may agree to pay a call premium of not to exceed two
- 4 percent of the par value of such bonds when a single issue is five
- 5 hundred thousand dollars or more, and bonds of such districts shall have
- 6 no other bond redemption call or prepayment restrictions except as
- 7 provided in this section. Bonds listed in subdivisions (1)(a) through (1)
- 8 (d) of this section may contain such provisions with respect to their
- 9 redemption as the public power district, public power and irrigation
- 10 district, metropolitan utilities district, city, village, housing
- 11 authority, school district, Board of Regents, or Board of Trustees shall
- 12 provide.
- 13 (3) All bonds issued which do not provide a special procedure for 14 calling and prepayments <u>may shall</u> be called by a resolution <u>or ordinance</u>
- 15 passed by the governing body of the obligor, which resolution or
- 16 <u>ordinance may condition such call for redemption upon the issuance of</u>
- 17 refunding bonds of the obligor for such redemption or similar event which
- 18 produces funds necessary for such prepayment shall designate the bond or
- 19 bonds to be prepaid by stating the date of the bonds, the purpose for
- 20 which the bonds were issued, the bond numbers of the bonds so called, and
- 21 the date set for prepayment. The issuer of any bonds which are required
- 22 by this section to be issued subject to an option of redemption shall, at
- 23 least thirty days prior to the date set for prepayment of such bonds,
- 24 send notice by mail of the call to each holder of the called bonds as
- 25 shown in its records. A true copy of the resolution shall be filed by the
- 26 obligor with the paying agent on or before the call date.
- 27 (4) If the obligor deposits sufficient funds with the paying agent
- 28 to pay the called bonds and accrued interest to date of call in full on
- 29 or before the call date, the bonds shall cease to be a liability of the
- 30 obligor, otherwise the call shall be revoked, and the bonds continue in
- 31 effect the same as though no call had been made.

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1 Sec. 2. Original section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of

2 Nebraska, is repealed.