

65-163j. Same; loan repayment sources of municipalities; imposition of charges by secretary; remedy for failure to repay project loans; maintenance of project accounts. (a) The dedicated source of revenue for repayment of a loan to a municipality may include service charges, connection fees, special assessments, property taxes, grants or any other source of revenue lawfully available to the municipality for such purpose. In order to ensure repayment by municipalities of the amounts of loans provided under this act, the secretary, after consultation with the governing body of any municipality which receives a loan, may adopt charges to be levied against individuals and entities served by the project. Any such charges shall remain in effect until the total amount of the loan, and any interest thereon, has been repaid. The charges shall, insofar as is practicable, be equitably assessed and may be in the form of a surcharge to the existing charges of the municipality. The governing body of any municipality which receives a loan under this act shall collect any charges established by the secretary and shall pay the moneys collected therefrom to the secretary in accordance with procedures established by the secretary.

(b) Upon the failure of a municipality to meet the repayment terms and conditions of the agreement, the secretary may order the treasurer of the county in which the municipality is located to pay to the secretary such portion of the municipality's share of the local ad valorem tax reduction fund as may be necessary to meet the terms of the agreement, notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2960 and 79-2961, and amendments thereto. Upon the issuance of such an order, the municipality shall not be required to make the tax levy reductions otherwise required by K.S.A. 79-2960 and 79-2961, and amendments thereto.

(c) Municipalities which are provided with loans under this act shall maintain project accounts in accordance with generally accepted government accounting standards.

(d) Any loans received by a municipality under the provisions of this act shall be construed to be bonds for the purposes of K.S.A. 10-1116 and 79-5028, and amendments thereto, and the amount of such loans shall not be included within any limitation on the bonded indebtedness of the municipality.

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