

The article establishes a fiscal limitation on the amount of debt that the state and certain public authorities may contract. In place of the present referendum requirement, provision is made that the state may not contract debt unless authorized by law enacted by two regular sessions of the legislature separated by an intervening election and unless the total debt service shall not exceed twelve percent of the average state revenues in the two preceding fiscal years. The twelve percent limitation may be increased, not to exceed fifteen percent, by statute approved by the people at referendum.

The proceeds from the creation of the indebtedness may be used only for capital construction purposes as defined in the article. The article also makes provisions for the issuance of bonds and the maturity and payment thereof. No debt may be issued by the state or certain public authorities unless certified by the governor.

The article directs the legislature to provide for the transfer to the state by January 1, 1970 of responsibility for all programs of public assistance and care now administered by local governments. It provides for the allocation of the costs of such programs not paid or reimbursed by the federal government and requires that, within ten years, local governments be entirely relieved of all such costs.

The article permits public moneys to be granted or loaned to any person, association or private corporation for economic and community development purposes, as therein defined. Economic and community development purposes include the renewal and rebuilding of communities, the development of new communities, and programs and facilities to enhance the physical environment, health and social well-being of, and to encourage the expansion of economic opportunity for, the people of the state.

The state and local governments are prohibited from granting or loaning their money to or guaranteeing the obligations of any person, association, or private corporation except for a public purpose. However, if they borrow money, such borrowed money may be loaned only for capital construction purposes.

The article authorizes the legislature to create a public corporation for the purpose of insuring and guaranteeing loans of persons, associations, and public and private corporations for economic and community development purposes. Each local government is authorized to guarantee the obligations of any public corporation for such purposes within such local government.

Provisions are made to allow the state to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and revenues and to maintain a tax stabilization fund.

Other provisions continue authorization for debt, guarantee, and periodic subsidies for the purposes of, and to the extent authorized by, the prior constitution and by laws previously approved by the people at referendum.

ARTICLE XI

Local Governments

This article describes the operation and other aspects of the operation of local governments which are defined as counties, cities, towns and villages.

This article retains certain powers of local governments and, in addition, grants to them, subject to a statute of restrictions to be enacted, all legislative and administrative power which the legislature has power to confer.

In addition every local government is granted power to adopt local laws, not inconsistent with general law, relating to matters of local concern and local aspects of matters of state concern. The legislature, with certain limited exceptions, may act in these matters only on request from each local government affected or by general law or (except for New York City) on message of necessity from the governor and a two-thirds vote in each house.

This general grant is supplemented by the right to adopt local laws, not inconsistent with general law, relating to specific subjects, including the government, protection, order, conduct, safety, health and well-being of persons or property therein. The legislature is authorized to incorporate other specific grants of local govern-

ment rights in a statute of local governments which may be amended to reduce such rights only by action of the legislature with the governor's approval in two successive years.

The right of counties to adopt county charters by referendum is continued, but if only the government of the county is involved in the reorganization this may now be done by a single county-wide referendum approval instead of separate approvals in the cities and in the county outside of cities. Any change affecting units of government within a county will still require a dual or triple referendum. The right to transfer functions from one unit of government to another with appropriate referendum approvals is continued and extended to counties which have not adopted charters.

Two or more counties, or one or more with New York City, are empowered to create regional agencies to which they may transfer one or more of their functions.

Every local legislative body is required to redistrict its area in equal population districts in the year following each federal decennial census. Members of local legislative bodies are prohibited from holding public office in any other local government or any other elective office except delegate to a constitutional convention.

The legislature is required to provide for the supervision, review and equalization of assessments for purposes of taxation and may provide for counties to perform assessment or tax collection functions for units of government within their boundaries.

ARTICLE XII

Local Finances

This article governs the financial management of local governments and school districts.

Existing debt and tax limits are continued except that: (1) such limits are deleted with respect to city school districts, other than New York, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Tonawanda and Albany; (2) the two percent limit set forth for cities and villages over five thousand population in Article XVIII in the present constitution is transferred to the general debt limit of such local governments; (3) the legislature is required to establish tax limits for towns by January 1, 1972; (4) the three-year average of full valuation of taxable real property as the basis on which the percentage limits are calculated may be changed to a three-year average by statute and local referendum; and (5) the debt or tax limit of any local government may be changed in the same way.

The article prohibits the creation of certain types of debt from the debt limit, including revenue producing debt to the extent that its revenues support the carrying charges. It continues to permit the costs of capital projects financed by current revenues to be excluded from the debt and tax limits.

The article continues with exceptions enumerated therein, basic principles of debt regulation, that debts shall not be contracted for longer than the period of probable usefulness, that the full faith and credit of local governments and school districts shall be pledged for all their borrowing, that serial bonds shall be used for long-term borrowing, and that debt service payments must always be made with precedence over other obligations.

Special provisions are made for cooperative financing of local enterprises by local governments and other public corporations.

ARTICLE XIII

Defense and the Organized Militia

This article provides that the defense of the state and the United States is an obligation of all persons within the state, and that the legislature shall provide for the discharge of this obligation and for the maintenance of a militia of which the governor is the commander-in-chief. It directs the legislature to provide for the continuity of state and local governmental offices and activities when such offices and activities are jeopardized in time of disaster or enemy attack.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments to the Constitution

This article provides for amendment of the constitution by the legislature or by a constitutional convention. An amendment may

become part of the constitution only by adoption of successive sessions of the legislature and a majority thereof at new constitutional conventions adopted or the existing constitutional provision by people at the vote of the

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To the Town Clerk of the

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CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY T

Name of Candidate	Place of Residence of Candidate	Title of Office
Charles D. Breitel	146 Central Park W., N. Y. City	Asso. Judge Court
Matthew J. Jasen	Lakeview (Town of Hamburg)	Asso. Judge Court
John S. Marsh	978 Harrison Ave., Nia. Falls	Justice of Supreme
Walter J. Mahoney	646 Lafayette Ave., Buffalo	Justice of Supreme
H. Kendall Hardy	Rushford, N. Y.	Coroner
J. Paul Rems	28 Willets, Belmont, N. Y.	Coroner
Leonard S. Briggs	16 Dyke St., Andover	Supervisor
Joan C. Dibble	Barney St. Annex, Andover	Town Clerk
Charles Halsey	44 Dyke St., Andover	Town Super. of H
Reta Foster	11 Maple Ave., Andover	Tax Collector
Harry Kemp	9 Barney St., Andover	Justice of The Peace
Robert Spicer	37 Rochambeau, Andover	Assessor (4 yr.)
Hugh Barlow	3 East Ave., Andover	Assessor (2 yr.)
Erwin Lewis	Rt-1, Andover	Town Councilman

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