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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 378**

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Committee: Urban Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public improvements; to amend section  
2 16-697.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change  
3 requirements for electoral approval of borrowing money by a first-  
4 class city for parks, recreational facilities, and public grounds;  
5 and to repeal the original section.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 16-697.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3 16-697.02 (1) The mayor and city council of any first-class city  
4 shall have power to borrow money and pledge the property and credit of  
5 the city upon its negotiable bonds or otherwise, for the purpose of  
6 purchasing and improving land for parks, recreational facilities, and  
7 public grounds, authority therefor having first been obtained by a  
8 majority vote of the qualified electors of the city voting on such  
9 question at any general city election of such city or at an election  
10 called for that purpose, upon a proposition or propositions submitted in  
11 the manner provided by law for the submission of propositions to aid in  
12 the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvement.

13 (2) The mayor and city council shall identify the specific type of  
14 financing or bond to be used in any proposal to borrow money and pledge  
15 the property and credit of the city upon its negotiable bonds or  
16 otherwise for the purposes described in subsection (1) of this section.  
17 The proposal with language identifying the specific type of financing or  
18 bond to be used shall be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the  
19 qualified electors of the city.

20 (3) If the mayor and city council decide to change the specific type  
21 of financing or bond to be used, authority therefor must first be  
22 obtained by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city voting  
23 on such refinancing proposal at any general city election of such city or  
24 at an election called for that purpose.

25 Sec. 2. Original section 16-697.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
26 Nebraska, is repealed.