

**26A.162 Determination of use allowance -- Presumption of twenty year bond issue -  
- Standards for longer term of issue -- Legislative oversight.**

- (1) The use allowance in the judicial branch budget recommendation submitted under KRS 48.100 shall be determined as if bonds will be issued for a term of twenty (20) years at the prevailing market rate, computed from the estimated date that the Court of Justice will occupy the facility. If the market rate for the bonds has increased when the bonds are to be sold, the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts may approve an extension in the bond term, up to a total of twenty-five (25) years, but only as necessary to keep the annual use allowance within the budgeted amount. All bonds issued by any local unit of government for court facilities projects shall be limited to the term approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- (2) Before approving any bond issue for a term exceeding twenty-five (25) years, the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall submit a proposal for the extended term to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee. The proposal shall include a statement of the necessity for the extended bond term and the impact of the extended term on the project's budgeted scope and authorized annual use allowance.
- (3) Within thirty (30) days after receiving a proposal to extend a bond term beyond twenty-five (25) years, the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee shall either approve or disapprove the proposal and shall then promptly notify the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. If either committee disapproves the proposal, the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall take one (1) of the following actions and shall notify the committee of its decision in writing within thirty (30) days:
  - (a) Disapprove and take no further action on the proposal;
  - (b) Revise the proposal to comply with the committee's objections; or
  - (c) Determine to approve and proceed with the proposal over the committee's objection.

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