

Authority to  
borrow money  
and issue  
bonds.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if the decision by said election shall be for the issuing of electric light bonds, the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City are hereby authorized and directed to borrow, on the credit of Pocomoke City, an amount not exceeding eight thousand dollars, and to issue coupon bonds therefor in sums of not less than five hundred dollars each, to be signed by the Mayor of said city, and to be countersigned by the clerk and treasurer of the corporation, with the corporate seal attached, and to be registered by said clerk and treasurer in a book kept for that purpose; said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each and every year, until the said bonds shall be forever exempt from taxation except for State purposes, and shall have printed on them a reference to this Act.

Disposal of  
bonds, etc.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That said bonds shall be redeemable in twenty-five years from the date of their issue, and said bonds shall be sold at public or private sale, in the discretion of the Mayor and Council, provided that none of said bonds shall be sold at less than par.

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redeeming  
said bonds.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of redeeming said bonds at their maturity, and for securing the prompt payment of interest thereon, the said Mayor and Council are hereby empowered and directed to apply all net income arising from electric rents after deducting the outlay for betterments, proper repairs and necessary expenses, firstly, to the payment of the interest on said bonds; secondly as to the remainder, if any there be, it shall be invested in a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds at maturity. The coupons of interest on said bonds shall be receivable in payment of taxes due to said city, in event the next electric light rents shall not be sufficient in amount to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as it shall become due. The said Mayor and Council shall, for the purpose, annually levy on the taxable property of said city such sums of money, not exceeding ten cents on the hundred dollars, as shall in their discretion be necessary for the prompt payment of the interest on said bonds, and the principal thereof, when the same may become due; and any surplus on hand at any time arising from such levy shall be by the said Mayor and Council invested in good and safe securities as a sinking fund, which shall not at any time, nor under any circumstances whatever, be diverted to any other purpose.