

sums of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, each to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Register of said city, with the corporate seal of said city thereto attached, such bonds to bear such date as may be determined upon by the Mayor and City Council, and bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, that may be determined upon by the Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City, payable annually, for which interest proper coupons are to be attached to said bonds to be signed by the Mayor of said city and countersigned by the Register thereof, said bonds to be free from all county and municipal taxation. Exempted from taxation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Mayor and City Council may, if necessary, annually levy upon the assessable property of said city an additional tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds, and to retire one thousand dollars or more thereof annually, and that the money thus received shall be known and kept as "The Improvement Bond Fund," and shall be applied by the Mayor and City Council to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, as aforesaid, and for no other purpose whatever, and that said tax shall be collected as all other taxes are now collected in Ellicott City. The Improvement Bond Fund.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That said bonds, at the pleasure of said Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City, shall be sold by them, at public auction to the highest bidder therefor, for not less than par value in cash, after having given at least three weeks' prior notice by advertisement inserted in one or more newspapers published in Howard County and elsewhere, as the said Mayor and City Council may select. Bonds to be sold at public auction.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That before said Mayor and City Council shall be authorized to issue any of said bonds, the qualified voters residing within the corporate limits of Ellicott City shall first determine by ballot in favor of issuing said bonds, and the Mayor is hereby authorized, in accordance with the ordinances of said city, to order an election to be held at such time and place or places, as said Mayor and City Council may determine, for the purpose of deciding whether said bonds shall be issued, and the said ballots cast at said election shall contain the words "For Water Bonds" and "Against Water Bonds," and if a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of the issuing of said bonds, then, and only then, shall the Mayor and City Council be authorized to issue the bonds, as hereinbefore provided. Qualified voters to determine by ballot.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That said Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized and empowered to condemn property for the purposes of this Act, and in the manner and form prescribed by Section 61 of Article 11 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Howard County," sub-title "Ellicott City." Empowered to condemn property.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage, and that all other Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved April 8, 1901.