

municipal taxation, and to create a sinking fund to pay the principal thereof at maturity, so much of the seven hundred dollars heretofore required by section 45 of this sub-title of this article, to be paid annually by the county commissioners to the town commissioners, for corporate purposes, is set apart and appropriated annually; and the said town commissioners are required, out of said amount, to pay first, the semi-annual interest on said bonds; and second, the balance of said sum of seven hundred dollars which may annually remain, after the payment of the interest on said bonds as aforesaid, shall be set apart for a sinking fund; and the said town commissioners, in addition to the said balance, shall annually set apart the sum of two hundred dollars out of the town levy for a sinking fund, to pay said bonds as they mature, and they shall annually invest the said sums which are hereby pledged and appropriated for a sinking fund, in first mortgages on real estate, Maryland State bonds, United States bonds, Dorchester county bonds, or the town bonds, for the redemption of said bonds, and a separate account shall be kept of said fund; and if the said commissioners shall fail or refuse to punctually apply the money so appropriated to the payment of the interest on said bonds, or to set apart and invest the monies mentioned and appropriated as aforesaid for a sinking fund, they shall for each of said offences severally be liable to a penalty of three hundred dollars, to be enforced by indictment of the grand jury for said county, or be recovered in an action of debt by the State's attorney for said county, in the name of the State of Maryland; and any penalty collected or enforced as aforesaid shall be paid over by the State's attorney to the treasurer of said town, for corporate purposes.

1886, ch 250 1888, ch 422.

83. The said town commissioners are authorized, in their discretion, to issue bonds, not to exceed in amount four thousand dollars, upon the faith of the property of said town, of such form and denomination as the said town commissioners may prescribe, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year, and to be exempt from taxation; said bonds shall be divided in four classes—A, B, C, D, of equal respective amounts.