

to expend the proceeds therefrom for the purpose of extending and improving the water system and water supply of Pocomoke City and for the purpose of extending, repairing and improving the sewerage and drainage systems and the streets, highways and sidewalks of Pocomoke City; and to provide for the payment of the interest on the said bonds and the principal thereof, as the same shall mature; and to provide for the levying of taxes upon the assessable property of Pocomoke City to pay the interest on said bonds and for the redemption and payment of same when they shall fall due or when called for payment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow, on the faith and credit of Pocomoke City, a sum of money not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) and to issue bonds therefor in sums of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, to be signed by the Mayor or the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City and countersigned by the Treasurer thereof, with the seal of the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City affixed thereto, and said bonds shall be designated as "Pocomoke Improvement Bonds", and shall be numbered consecutively from one (1) to forty (40), inclusive, and shall bear interest at the rate of three percent (3%) per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of June and December of each and every year from the date of their issue; and said bonds shall be exempt from all taxation for State, County and Municipal purposes in the State of Maryland, and shall have printed on them a direct reference to this Act authorizing their issue.

The said bonds to be issued under this Act shall mature in five (5) years from the date of issue; provided, however, that said Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City shall have the right to pay any or all of said bonds on any interest paying date prior to date of maturity.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City are authorized and empowered to sell said bonds to the highest bidder upon sealed proposals, after having given at least ten (10) days notice by advertisement in some newspaper printed and published in Worcester County, Maryland, and by such other advertisements as the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City shall deem advisable, but the right is reserved unto the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City to reject any and all bids. The Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City is also authorized and empowered to sell said bonds, in its discretion, at private sale at not less than par and accrued interest.