

ration of the State of Maryland, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow upon the faith and credit of said town a sum not exceeding One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.) and from time to time to issue and sell coupon serial bonds in such amount, said bonds to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk of said town and to be sealed with the seal of the town. The entire proceeds of such bonds, after payment of costs of engraving and all other incidental costs and expenses connected with the issuance of such bonds, shall be used, either alone or in connection with any Federal funds which may be made available, to extend, construct and improve the water system of said town and may be used to procure, erect and construct storage facilities as part of such system.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and Council of Berlin shall have authority to prescribe, by ordinance or resolution, the form and tenor of such bonds, the rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. (5%), payable semi-monthly, the dates of issuance, the portions of said bonds to be issued from time to time at specified dates, and the time and place for the payment of said bonds and interest. Such bonds shall be in coupon form, shall be in denominations of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.) and may be registerable as to principal. Such bonds shall be issued upon a twenty-two year serial maturity plan and a portion thereof shall be retired annually. Such bonds may be made redeemable before maturity upon payment of the par value thereof with accrued interest. Such bonds shall be exempt from all State, county and municipal taxation and shall have printed on them a distinct reference to the Act authorizing their issuance.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act, the provisions of Sections 35 and 36 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland shall apply.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and Council of Berlin, after the issuance of the bonds authorized by this Act and until all such bonds have matured and been redeemed, shall annually levy a special tax on the assessable property of said town sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds outstanding and the principal of bonds maturing during the next succeeding year. Said tax shall become a lien upon the property assessed and shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes.