

taxes on the assessable property of said city for the purpose of redeeming said bonds and to pay the interest thereon; to provide for the punishment of anyone polluting the water in said water works, and to allow the citizens of said Ellicott City to determine by ballot whether said bonds shall be issued.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of establishing, constructing and maintaining water works capable of furnishing the residents of Ellicott City with a good and sufficient supply of water for ordinary purposes and for fire protection, the Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue bonds in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose aforesaid. The said bonds shall be for sums not less than \$100 each nor more than \$1,000 each, to be signed by the Mayor of Ellicott City and to be countersigned by the City Registrar, with the corporate seal of said city thereto affixed, bearing interest at not more than five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually in each and every year, and dated on the first day of their issue. The said bonds shall be numbered serially; bond No. 1 shall be due and payable two years from date of issue, and thereafter each bond shall mature and be payable each consecutive year from the maturity of bond No. 1, in the order of their consecutive numbers; provided, however, the Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City are hereby given the option to redeem any or all bonds outstanding fifteen years from date of issue; that all of said bonds issued as aforesaid shall be due and payable within thirty-one years from date of their issue and shall be forever exempt from all county and municipal taxation for any purpose, and shall have printed on them a reference to the Act of Assembly authorizing the issue thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City are hereby empowered to construct and erect water works for supplying said city with water, and to contract for the purchase in fee simple or lease for a term of years, renewable at their pleasure, any land, real estate, springs, brooks, water courses or streams, and to use and occupy forever, or for a term of years, any land, real estate, springs, brooks, water courses or streams which may be deemed necessary for the purpose of furnishing said city with water, and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the purpose of inducting water into said city. If for any cause the said Mayor and City Council shall be unable to