

to the voters of said City at the City Election to be held on March the twenty-first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and to provide for the advertisement and sale of the same. Said Bonds to be known as Bridge Bonds.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to issue Bridge Bonds to the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars, and to sell the same; said Bonds to be of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars, and shall be exempt from State, County and Municipal taxes; said Bonds to be signed by the Mayor of the City of Cumberland and attested by the City Clerk, with the corporate seal of said City thereunto attached, and to bear interest at the rate of not more than four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, for which interest proper coupons are to be attached to said Bonds; said Bonds to be payable to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars in each year, after the year of their issue, according to the serial number of said Bonds; provided that at the General Election to be held in the City of Cumberland on March twenty-first, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, the voters of the City of Cumberland, by a majority of the votes cast thereat on said question, decide that said Bonds shall issue; and there shall be placed upon the ballot used at said Election the words "For Bridge Bonds," and the words "Against Bridge Bonds." If the majority of voters on said question shall vote for the Bridge Bonds aforesaid, then said Bonds shall issue; and if a majority of said voters shall vote against the issuing of said Bonds, then this Act shall become null and void. If the majority of the votes cast on said question shall vote for the issuing of said Bonds the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in at least two daily newspapers of the City of Cumberland once a week for four consecutive weeks, stating the time and place, and when and where the bids will be opened, and asking therein for bids on said Bonds. The said Bids shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Cumberland, and at the time and place advertised, shall be opened by him in the presence of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland; and if the said Bids are satisfactory to the Mayor and City Council, it shall sell said Bonds as far as possible to the highest bidder or bidders, or it may, if the bids are unsatisfactory, refuse any and all bids, and readvertise for further bids as above specified.