

WHEREAS, it is of great public and economic importance to all the people of Somerset County that the permanent improvement of said highway shall be completed as soon as may be practicable; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Somerset County be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, subject to the referendum vote hereinafter provided, to issue coupon bonds on the credit of said County to the amount of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to be known as "Deals Island Road Improvement Bonds"; said bonds to be in sums of five hundred dollars (\$500) each; bearing date, January 1, 1925, to be signed by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Somerset County, and countersigned by the Clerk of said Board, with the Corporate seal of said Board attached to each and every bond so issued; to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of July and January of each year, until maturity thereof; said bonds to be exempt from State, County and municipal taxation, and the coupons, or the interest on said bonds shall be received in payment of the taxes levied and assessed by said County Commissioners of said Somerset County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said bonds shall be issued to mature as follows:

Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) thereof on the first day of January, 1926, and annually thereafter, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) until all of said bonds shall be matured, and have been paid; it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners to immediately destroy said bonds when released and paid, and should the said County Commissioners of Somerset County, or any person having charge of said bonds or coupons, suffer the same, or any part thereof to be re-issued after payment, the said party or parties so offending, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to imprisonment, under Article 27, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, for embezzlement, and shall be held liable for an amount equal to that of the coupon or bond re-issued, and the costs of the suit.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Somerset County shall levy each year in advance, at the time of making the regular levy, a tax sufficient to meet and pay the bonds which shall mature the next year following said levy, and to pay the interest which shall fall due on all of said