

succeeding Section 154 of this Article. In case of any deficiency in revenue and taxation to meet the amount provided in the said estimates, there shall be a pro rata abatement of all appropriations except for the payment of the State taxes and the principal and interest of the county debt, and in case of any surplus arising in any fiscal year, by reason of excess of income received from the estimated revenue over the expenditure for such years, the said surplus shall be passed by the Board of County Commissioners to a fund which shall be a part of the revenue for the ensuing fiscal year.

154. The County Commissioners of Dorchester County, whenever in their discretion they may deem it advisable, are authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness upon the faith and credit of Dorchester County, for the payment of: (1) The maintenance and support of the public schools in said county; and (2) for repairs and maintenance of the county roads, bridges and ferries therein, and for no other purpose whatsoever, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum from the date of same which shall be endorsed upon the face of such certificates of indebtedness, and they shall levy on the assessable property of the county liable to taxation for the payment of said interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness in like manner as by law other claims have been heretofore levied for and all such certificates of indebtedness issued and executed by the County Commissioners shall be a lien upon all the assessable property in Dorchester County, provided, however, that all interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness issued during any fiscal year by the said County Commissioners of Dorchester County, shall be paid in full within two months from the expiration of such fiscal year, and not more than one hundred and twenty thousand dollars shall be issued in any one fiscal year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote of three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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