

joint sinking fund account for the payment of the principal of said bonds, shall not exceed fourteen per centum (14%) of the total assessable basis of all property assessed for county taxation purposes within the Sanitary District; provided, however, that in computing the amount of bonds which may be issued under this section, there shall not be included any bonds heretofore or hereafter issued for the payment of which the Commission is required by law to fix and collect water service charges at least sufficient to pay the principal and interest requirements of such bonds. Bonds hereafter issued under the authority of this section shall be serial bonds with the principal of any given issue payable annually, commencing not more than three years from the date of the bonds. The bonds may be either registered or coupon bonds, or registerable as to principal with interest represented by coupons, and issued in such denomination or denominations as shall be determined by the Commission, shall bear interest not to exceed five per centum (5%) per annum payable semi-annually and shall mature not exceeding forty years from the date of issue, and all bonds of said District or of said Commission, including those heretofore issued, shall be forever exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and by the counties and municipalities in said State.

They shall be issued under the hand and seal of said Commission and shall be guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the County Council or the County Commissioners of both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, which guaranty shall be endorsed on each of said bonds in the following language: "The payment of interest when due and the principal at maturity is guaranteed by Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland." The bonds of the Sanitary Commission shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission or, if the Commission shall so provide, by any two of its members and the official seal of the Commission shall be impressed upon the bonds. Said guaranty or endorsement by the County Council or the County Commissioners shall be signed on each of said bonds on behalf of each County by the Secretary or Clerk of the County Council or the Board of County Commissioners or by any officer designated for such purpose by the County Council or the Board of County Commissioners, within twenty days after the bonds are presented by said Commission for the signing of such endorsement. In the event of any liability under the above guaranty, such liability for each county shall be in such proportion as the assessable basis of that part of either county within the Sanitary District bears to the assessable basis of the whole of said District.