

authorized and empowered to borrow upon its full faith and credit, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), and to evidence such borrowing by the issue and sale as herein prescribed of the general obligation bonds of the County in like face amount, said bonds to be designated as "Cecil County Union Hospital Construction Bonds". The money borrowed pursuant to the authority hereby conferred shall be expended in the manner hereinafter described solely for the purpose of financing the construction of an addition to the Union Hospital, situated in Elkton, Cecil County, for equipment used in connection therewith, and for the payment of architects' and other professional fees in connection therewith.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That subject to the limitations herein contained, the bonds hereby authorized shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty (20) years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the County Commissioners of Cecil County, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the County Commissioners, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the County Commissioners prior to the issuance of said bonds. In the event any such bonds shall be issued to mature and be payable on the serial maturity plan, then the schedule of maturities of said issue of bonds shall be so arranged that one-twentieth (1/20) of the principal amount thereof shall mature and be retired in each consecutive year accounting from the date of issue thereof. The interest to be borne by the bonds of any such issue shall be limited to such rate or rates as will produce an average interest cost on said bonds to the County of not exceeding four per centum (4%) per annum. The County shall determine the form and the manner of execution of any of said bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal or interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the State. The County Commissioners is hereby empowered to provide that the County seal to be affixed to said bonds may be imprinted thereon in facsimile, and that all signatures and counter-signatures on said bonds and the coupons attached thereto may likewise be in facsimile except that at least one of said signatures on each bond shall be manually affixed. In case any official whose signature or facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any such bonds or coupons shall cease to be such official before the delivery of such bonds, or shall become such an official between the date of issue and date of delivery thereof, such signature or such facsimile will nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery or had taken office prior to said date of issue. The bonds may be issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as the County Commissioners may determine, and provisions may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also as to both principal and interest, and for the reconversion into coupon bonds any bonds registered as to both principal and interest, and for the interchange of registered and coupon bonds. The County Commissioners may sell any such bonds in such manner either at public or private sale, and for such price or prices, as it may de-