

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Dorchester County be and they are authorized and empowered to borrow at one time or from time to time, upon the faith and credit of Dorchester County, and to issue and sell at one time or from time to time its bonds therefor a sum or sums of money not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) at a net average interest rate not in excess of five per centum (5%) per annum for the entire issue, for the purpose of erecting new school buildings, purchasing land for new school buildings, payment of architect's and other professional fees in connection therewith, alteration or repair of existing school buildings and equipping of school buildings in Dorchester County, or for matching Federal funds for such purposes. Such bonds shall be designated "Dorchester County School Improvement Bonds of 1961", and shall be of such denomination or denominations and of such type or form, of such periods of maturity, not exceeding ~~twenty-eight (28)~~ TWENTY-FIVE (25) years, and their average net interest rate not in excess of five per centum (5%) per annum for the entire issue, all as the County Commissioners of Dorchester County may deem advisable, and the proceeds of such sale or sales shall be spent in accordance with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners aforesaid hereby are authorized to borrow, under the provisions of this Act, AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 31, SECTIONS 10 AND 11 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION), from such bank, banker or trust company, or from any other source, as they shall from time to time select and execute and deliver negotiable promissory notes or certificates of indebtedness of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, to be signed by the President of said County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and the Treasurer of Dorchester County, with the seal of Dorchester County affixed thereto, in such denomination or denominations, payable to such place and at such date or dates as the said County Commissioners shall by resolution provide and/or to issue and sell said notes, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, upon the faith and credit of Dorchester County in such amount or amounts as said Commissioners shall determine, except that the total amount of such notes, certificates and bonds issued under this Act, including all of its provisions, shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The said notes, certificates of indebtedness and/or bonds shall bear interest at an average net rate not in excess of five per centum (5%) per annum for the entire issue, as shall be provided by resolution of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County and, in the event of issuance of bonds, to be evidenced by semi-annual coupons attached to said bonds and bearing the facsimile signature of the Treasurer of Dorchester County. ~~If bonds are issued, such issue and sale shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 10 and 11 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition).~~ THE SAID NOTES, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS AND/OR BONDS, OR ANY GROUP THEREOF, SHALL BE ISSUED ACCORDING TO WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SERIAL ANNUITY PLAN. The said loan and every part thereof and every note, certificate of indebtedness, bond, coupon or other evidence thereof, and the interest payable thereon, shall be and remain exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and by the counties and municipalities of said state.