

the several counties in order to remove from said law special provisions concerning Dorchester County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 211 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "State Roads", sub-title "Bonds, Notes or Other Evidence of Indebtedness", sub-heading "State Highway Construction Bonds, Second Issue", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

211.

(a) In addition to, but as a separate part of the foregoing authorization, the Commission, when notified by any county of the State as hereinafter provided, is hereby authorized and directed to borrow money from time to time as hereinafter limited, and to evidence such borrowing by the issue of its bonds, in form and tenor substantially as provided in Section 200 of this sub-heading, and to disburse the proceeds of said borrowing, and pay the principal and interest of said bonds, as hereinafter provided. The authority hereby granted is such that at no time shall there be outstanding bonds issued under this section in excess of the face amount of fifty million (\$50,000,000), but such limitation shall not be construed to mean that the total principal amount of bonds which may be issued pursuant to this section during the period specified in Section 199 of this sub-heading may not exceed said sum.

(b) In order to enable the several counties of the State to conduct programs of construction and reconstruction and to make major road repairs necessary to eliminate damage caused by severe and unforeseen weather conditions of county roads, during the period specified in Section 199 of this sub-heading, any such county may participate in the proceeds of the sale of bonds by the State Roads Commission authorized by this section and subject to legislative review and action in manner similar to that prescribed in Section 201 of this sub-heading in the following manner:

(1) [(a)] Any such county, not later than April first of each year, may notify the Commission of its desire to participate in the proceeds of a series of bonds to be issued under this section in the next succeeding fiscal year and the amount of such participation proposed;

(2) [(b)] Upon receipt of such notification, the Commission shall determine the total proceeds of the Gasoline Tax Fund distributed to said county in the preceding fiscal year pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of this article, exclusive of any amounts so distributed pursuant to said section to any municipalities in said county;

(3) [(c)] The Commission shall next determine the total amount of bonds, issuable under this section by said county, which could be issued, in the discretion of the Commission, with adequate annual debt service coverage, from the annual amount of the Gasoline Tax Fund so allocable to said county after providing the annual debt service costs on any outstanding bonds theretofore issued by said county to which its share of said Gasoline Tax Fund has been pledged.

(4) [(d)] Subject to annual recomputation, the maximum amount of the bonds authorized by this section which the Commission may