

necessary permanent furnishings, fixed permanent equipment and fire fighting equipment therefor;

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, the County is hereby authorized and empowered to finance the construction of fire engine houses, as defined in Section 1 of this Act, for the use of those fire companies for which taxes are levied pursuant to subtitle 32 of the Code of Public Local Laws (1963 Edition, as amended, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland). In order to make such financing possible, said County is hereby granted the power and authority to borrow money and incur indebtedness for such purpose, from time to time, in an amount not exceeding the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale upon its full faith and credit of its serial maturity, general obligation coupon bonds in like par amount, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. Such bonds may be issued from time to time in one or more groups or series, as funds for such fire engine houses become necessary, provided, however, that the total debt which may be incurred pursuant to the authority of this Act shall not exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000).

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, subject to the foregoing limitations, the County shall, before borrowing any money or issuing any bonds pursuant to the authority of this Act, adopt a resolution describing the fire engine houses for which said borrowing or indebtedness is intended, the amount needed for said purposes in the aggregate, and determining to borrow money or incur indebtedness for all or a part of the amount so needed, and to issue its bonds to evidence such borrowing or indebtedness. Each series or group of said bonds shall be issued to mature in annual serial installments, the last installment to mature not later than thirty (30) years from the date of issue of said group or series. In said resolution, said County shall fix the annual serial maturity plan with respect to the bonds to be issued thereunder and said annual serial maturities shall be so fixed as to conform to the general financial plans of the County but need not be in equal par amounts or in consecutive annual installments. Subject to the limitations herein contained, said County shall have and is hereby granted full and complete authority and discretion to fix and determine, in said resolution, the form and tenor of any such bonds, the rate or rates of interest payable thereon, or the method of arriving at the same, the date or dates upon which said bonds shall respectively mature and be payable, the manner of selling said bonds at public sale, and generally all matters incident or necessary to the issuance, sale and delivery thereof. The bonds of each such issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, shall mature at such time or times as may be determined by said resolution, and said bonds may, by said resolution, be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the County, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by said County, either in said resolution or in subsequent resolutions, but prior to the issuance of said bonds. The principal of and the interest on said bonds may be made payable in any lawful medium. Said resolution shall determine the form of said bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and the