

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 determine to be for the best interests of the County. In the event the County shall sell or offer for sale at public sale any of the bonds hereby authorized, such sale shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by Sections 10 and 11 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), as said sections may be amended from time to time. All action which the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County is authorized by this section to take in the issue and sale of the bonds hereby authorized, shall be taken by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, adopted in accordance with the established practices of the County.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all bonds issued pursuant to the authority of this Act shall, notwithstanding the provisions hereof or of said bonds, be deemed to be negotiable instruments, and shall have and possess all the attributes of negotiable instruments, under the laws of this State. All bonds issued pursuant to the authority of this Act, their transfer and the income therefrom shall at all times be free from taxation by the State of Maryland or by any of its political subdivisions or by any town or municipal corporation or by any other public agency of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That from the actual proceeds of sale of any issue of said bonds there shall first be paid the cost of preparing the same, and all other outlays and expenses incurred by the County Commissioners in connection with the issue of said bonds. In addition there shall be deducted from said proceeds all amounts received on account of accrued interest which shall be set apart by the County Treasurer for application on account of the first maturing interest liability on said bonds, and in addition said County Treasurer shall set apart any premium received on the sale of any issue of said bonds which shall be used for the purpose of paying the principal thereof at maturity or on prior redemption. The entire balance of said proceeds shall be retained by the County Treasurer until needed to pay for the purposes specified in Section 1 hereof. Said payments for the aforesaid purposes, and for no other purposes, shall be made from time to time by the County Treasurer to the Board of Education of St. Mary's County upon the order of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Said County Commissioners shall not issue any such order except upon written notification from said Board of Education that in its best judgment and discretion an expenditure for any of the aforesaid purposes is necessary, such notification setting forth the approximate amount of each expenditure and the specific use to be made of it. Said Board of Education shall receive and expend the money so paid to it only for the purposes authorized by Section 1 hereof, and said Board shall account for said money so paid to it and the expenditures thereof in the same manner as it accounts for other moneys passing through its hands.