

in any fiscal year the taxes hereby required to be levied may be reduced proportionately.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, the County is hereby further authorized and empowered, at any time and from time to time to issue its bonds in the manner hereinabove described for the purpose of refunding, upon purchase or redemption, any bonds issued hereunder. The validity of any such refunding bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the obligations so refunded. The powers herein granted with respect to the issuance of bonds, and also the limitations herein on such powers shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds. Said refunding bonds may be issued by the County for the purpose of providing it with funds to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds issued hereunder, prior to the maturity thereof, or for the purpose of providing it with funds for the redemption prior to maturity of any outstanding bonds issued hereunder which are, by their terms, redeemable. The resolution authorizing the issue of any such refunding bonds shall describe the issue or issues of bonds of the County so to be refunded, and no issue of such refunding bonds shall exceed in amount the par amount of such bonds so described in said resolution. No such refunding bonds shall actually be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers thereof more than six (6) months in advance of redemption date or dates of bonds to be redeemed and refunded and the proceeds of the sale of any such refunding bonds shall be segregated and set apart by the County as a separate trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of paying the purchase or redemption prices of the bonds to be refunded.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, in the issuance of any of the bonds authorized hereby, the County may, prior to the preparation of definitive bonds or obligations, issue interim certificates or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds or obligations have been executed and are available for delivery, provided, however, that any such interim certificates or temporary bonds shall be issued in all respects subject to the restrictions and requirements set forth herein. The County may, by appropriate resolution, provide for the replacement of any bonds issued hereunder which shall have become mutilated or be destroyed or lost upon such conditions and after receiving such indemnity as the County may think it proper and necessary to stipulate and require.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That, any and all obligations issued pursuant to the authority of this Act, their transfer, the interest payable thereon, and the income derived therefrom in the hands of the holders thereof from time to time (including any profit made in the sale thereof) shall be and are hereby declared to be at all times exempt from taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever by the State of Maryland or by any of its political subdivisions, or by any town or incorporated municipality or by any other public agency within the State of Maryland.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That, the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative authority for