

interest, which may be at any bank or trust company. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such bonds or shall become such after the date of issue thereof, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery or had held said office on said date of issue. All bonds issued under the provisions of this subtitle shall have and are hereby declared to have, as between successive holders, all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the negotiable instruments law of the State of Maryland. The bonds may be issued in coupon or in registered form, or both, as the Commission may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone; also as to both principal and interest, and for the re-conversion into coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest. The issuance of such bonds shall not be subject to any limitations or conditions contained in any other law and the Commission may sell such bonds in such manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price, as it may determine to be for the best interests of the Commission and the [c] County [but no such sale shall be made at a price so low as to require the payment of interest on the money received therefor at more than six per centum per annum, computed with relation to the absolute maturity of the bonds in accordance with standard tables of bond values excluding, however, from such computation the amount of any premium to be paid on the redemption of any bonds prior to maturity]. Said bonds shall be issued under the signature and seal of the Commission and shall be guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the [c] County, which guarantee shall be endorsed on each of said bonds in the following language: "The payment of interest when due and the principal at maturity is guaranteed by the County Commissioners of Carroll County, Maryland." Such endorsement shall be signed on each of said bonds by the chief executive officer of the County, with the seal of the County affixed thereto attested by the signature of either the Administrative Assistant or the Clerk to the County within ten days after the bonds are presented by the Commission to the County for such endorsement. At any time prior to the issuance of any such bonds the County may, in addition to any sums appropriated under any other provision of law, advance to the Commission such sums as may be necessary to cover the expense of issuance of such bonds, which shall be treated and repaid as part of the cost of the project or projects financed with the proceeds of any such bonds.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and, having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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