

so bid for shall be awarded by the Board of Public Works to the responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash offering the lowest net interest cost to the State, and if two or more responsible bidders have made bids resulting in the same lowest net interest cost to the State, then said bonds shall be awarded by lot to one of such responsible bidders. If no bids are received or if the Board of Public Works in the exercise of its discretion determines that no bid is satisfactory and that it is in the best interests of the State that all bids be rejected, the Board may reject all bids and may thereafter negotiate the sale of any part or all of said bonds at a private sale upon the best terms as to price, rates of interest and dates of payment within the limits of Article III, Section 34 of the Constitution of Maryland that can be obtained for the same.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That so much thereof as may be necessary shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the Comptroller out of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds for the payment of the expense of engraving, printing and other outlays connected with the issue of the loan hereby authorized, and for the payment of the advertising directed by this Act, and all other incidental expenses connected with the execution of its provisions in connection with said loan.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the actual cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be issued under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the Comptroller and such proceeds shall be used exclusively for the following purposes, to wit:

1. The Comptroller, immediately upon the sale of and payment of said bonds, first, shall return to and credit the Treasury for a sum equivalent to the amount expended under Section 4 of this Act.

2. The remainder of the proceeds of such loan shall be credited on the books of the State Comptroller, to be expended for the purpose of funding the Maryland Housing Fund (Acts of 1971, Chapter, Senate Bill No. 658) when it is not sufficient to meet its needs.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That until all of the interest on and principal of any bonds issued under this Act SHALL have been paid in full, there is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on each \$100 of assessable property at the rate to be determined in the following manner: on or before May 1, 1972, and on or before May 1 in each taxable year thereafter, the Board of Public Works shall certify to the governing bodies of each of the counties and Baltimore City the rate of State tax on each \$100 of assessable property necessary to produce revenue to meet interest and principal which will be payable to the close of the next ensuing taxable year on all bonds theretofore issued, or theretofore authorized by resolution of the Board of Public Works to be issued, and the governing bodies of each of the counties and of Baltimore City shall forthwith levy and collect such tax at such rate.

All matters committed by this Act to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1971.

Approved May 24, 1971.