

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 22 of Article 95 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume), title "Treasurer," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

22.

Notwithstanding any provision of law or ordinance to the contrary or any limitation or restriction contained in any other law or ordinance, the Treasurer of the State, the county commissioners of each county of the State, and the chief fiscal or administrative officer or officers or governing body of each municipality, town, body politic, public body corporate, school, road, drainage, improvement, construction or soil conservation district or commission in the State, including, by way of enumeration and not in limitation, the Upper Potomac River Commission, the State Roads Commission, county school boards and other political subdivisions and bodies politic of the State and any agency of any political subdivision of the State, and the trustees or other officers in charge of any pension or retirement system or fund of the State or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or department of either are hereby severally directed, authorized and empowered to invest, redeem, sell, exchange and reinvest all unexpended or surplus moneys in any fund or account of which they have custody or control either in bonds or other obligations for the payment of principal and interest of which the faith and credit of the United States of America are pledged, or in obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Association, ~~the Federal Home Loan Bank, or Federal Land Bank,~~ FEDERAL LAND BANKS, FEDERAL INTERMEDIATE CREDIT BANKS OR BANKS FOR COOPERATIVES, ISSUED PURSUANT TO ACTS OF CONGRESS, or to deposit said moneys in any bank or banks in the State of Maryland in interest-bearing time deposit and/or savings accounts. Such deposits in bank shall only be made where the bank has deposited a like amount of bonds in escrow, as now prescribed by law, covering bank deposits. The interest or income from any such investment or deposit shall be and become a part of the fund from which the investment or deposit was made and may itself be so invested or deposited, provided, however, that where the fund so invested, or deposited constitutes the proceeds of the issue of bonds or other obligations, the principal of and/or interest on which the issuer is obligated to repay to the holders thereof, the interest or income from such investments may be used to pay the principal and/or interest on the same by the issuer. Investments or deposits made pursuant to this section may be withdrawn or altered from time to time by the investing or depositing officer or governing body either to meet the requirements for which such funds are held or for reinvestment pursuant to the terms hereof.

All such investments made prior to March 2, 1943, are hereby legalized, validated, ratified and confirmed, notwithstanding the absence of statutory authority therefor or any inconsistent provision of law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect ~~June~~ JULY 1, 1971.

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