

their payment, of ad valorem taxes upon all property subject to assessment for taxation in said County, said taxes to be in rate and amount sufficient for said purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Cecil County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow upon its full faith and credit, an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and to evidence such borrowing by the issue and sale as herein prescribed of the general obligation bonds of the County in like face amount, said bonds to be designated as "Cecil County Union Hospital Construction Bonds," provided that no bonds shall be offered for sale before July 1, 1972. The money borrowed pursuant to the authority hereby conferred shall be expended in the manner hereinafter described solely for the purpose of financing the building, expansion and capital improvement of and to the Union Hospital, situated in Elkton, Cecil County, for equipment used in connection therewith, and for the payment of architects' and other professional fees in connection therewith.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That subject to the limitations herein contained, the bonds hereby authorized shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty (20) years from their date or dates, as may be determined by the County Commissioners of Cecil County, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the County Commissioners, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the County Commissioners prior to the issuance of said bonds. In the event any such bonds shall be issued to mature and be payable on the serial maturity plan, then the schedule of maturities of said issue of bonds shall be so arranged that one-twentieth (1/20) of the principal amount, except for any adjustments in the maturity schedule necessary to permit the division of the principal amount of the bonds issued at any one time into twenty approximately equal annual payments, thereof shall mature and be retired in each consecutive year accounting from the date of issue thereof. The County shall determine the form and the manner of ~~executive~~ EXECUTION of any of said bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal or interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the State. The County Commissioners are hereby empowered to provide that the County seal to be affixed to said bonds may be imprinted thereon in facsimile, and that all signatures and counter-signatures on said bonds and the coupons attached thereto may likewise be in facsimile except that at least one of said signatures on each bond shall be manually affixed. In case any official whose signature or facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any such bonds or coupons shall cease to be such official before the delivery of such bonds, or shall become such an official between the date of issue and date of delivery thereof, such signature or such facsimile will nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery or had taken office prior 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