

notes from any funds available for the payment of such bonds authorized by the commission, in which event the amount of such bonds so authorized shall be reduced by the amount of such notes so retired. Bond anticipation notes issued under this authority shall be general obligations of the district for which the full faith, credit and taxing power of the district shall be pledged and shall be guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the county council of Montgomery County and by the county commissioners of Prince George's County, and the county council of Montgomery County and the county commissioners of Prince George's County are hereby authorized and directed to guarantee such notes substantially in the manner and form and with the effect provided for the guarantee of the construction bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District. The commission may, however, at its option, waive the guarantee by the counties herein prescribed. Bond anticipation notes issued under the provisions hereof, including interest thereon, shall be forever exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and by the counties and municipalities in said state.

(d) The powers and authority conferred by this section shall be additional and supplemental to those conferred by any other law and shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes hereof.

#### 4-9. Refunding bonds.

(a) Subject to the approval of the governing bodies of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties of the plan for the issuance of refunding bonds pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is authorized to borrow money and to issue refunding bonds of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District from time to time to refund any bonds or notes issued by the district, at any time outstanding, for the purpose of effecting savings in debt service costs, directly or through any debt restructuring, however, the commission may issue refunding bonds only upon a finding that such refunding will result in total savings in debt service costs.

(b) Refunding bonds may bear such date or dates, may mature at such time or times not exceeding forty years from their respective dates, may bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed ten percent per annum, may be made redeemable before maturity upon such terms, may be in such denomination or denominations, may be in such form, either coupon or registered, may carry such registration and conversion privileges, may be executed in such manner, may be payable in such medium of payment at such place or places, within or without the state of Maryland, may provide for the replacement of mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost bonds, and may contain such other terms, conditions and covenants, as may be provided in the resolution or resolutions of the commission authorizing the issuance of the refunding bonds. Refunding bonds issued to refund