

principal of and interest on the bonds, as and when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of issue of the bonds.

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the County Executive and County Council of Howard County shall provide ~~at least an equal~~ and a matching fund of at least \$252,000. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, ~~in-kind contributions, or~~ or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter, and the Board's decision is final. The County Executive and County Council of Howard County have until June 1, 1991, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that the matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact to the State Treasurer and the proceeds of the loan shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. If this evidence is not presented by June 1, 1991, the proceeds of the loan shall be applied to the purposes authorized in § 8-129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1989.

Approved May 5, 1989.

CHAPTER 168

(House Bill 145)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County - Fire and Rescue Services

FOR the purpose of requiring authorizing the Frederick County Commissioners to establish a County Department of Fire and Rescue Services Companies; authorizing the County Commissioners to designate certain taxing districts, impose certain taxes, and appropriate certain tax proceeds, and acquire and sell real and personal property to provide for fire and rescue services in the county; establishing a certain maximum amount for certain taxes; providing procedures for establishing certain taxing districts and levying certain taxes; providing that the tax imposed shall