

CHAPTER 507

(Senate Bill 681)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Public School Construction Bonds

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Dorchester County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$2,500,000 in order to finance, with certain restrictions, public school construction in Dorchester County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities, and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to enter into agreements for the purpose of enhancing the marketability of and security for the bonds and for the purpose of securing any tender option; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the payment at maturity or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering the County to issue interim certificates or temporary bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds, and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom, from all State, county, municipal, and other taxation in the State of Maryland; providing that nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds the interest on which is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and relating generally to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, as used in this Act, the term "County" means that body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the Board of County Commissioners of Dorchester County; and the term "public school construction" means the costs of acquisition (including but not limited to the costs of acquiring rights, title, and interests in real property, including easements, licenses, and any improvements thereto), construction, equipping, and furnishing of a new public elementary school in Dorchester County and the renovation, construction of an addition, repair, equipping, and furnishing of Hurlock Elementary School in Dorchester County, including related costs for architectural, financial, legal, planning, designing, or engineering services, any finance charges or interest prior to or during such financing and any other costs or expenditures incurred by the County in connection therewith.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County is hereby authorized to finance any part or all of the public school construction described in Section 1 of this Act, and to borrow money and incur indebtedness for that purpose, at one time or from time to time, in an amount not exceeding, in the aggregate, \$2,500,000 and to