

(V) The bonds may be either registered or coupon bonds, or registerable as to principal with interest represented by coupons and issued in such denomination or denominations as shall be determined by the WSSC, shall bear interest as provided in § 4-104 of this title payable semi-annually and shall mature [not exceeding] NO LATER THAN 40 years [from] AFTER the date of issue[, and all] OF THE BONDS.

(VI) ALL bonds of the sanitary district or of the WSSC, including those heretofore issued, shall be forever exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and by the counties and municipalities in the State.

(VII) Any bonds hereafter issued by the WSSC in its name or in the name of the sanitary district may be made redeemable before maturity at the option of the WSSC, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the WSSC prior to the issuance of such bonds.

(E) AS TO BONDS ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION:

(1) THE BONDS MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT WITH A USEFUL LIFE OF 4 TO 7 YEARS, THAT WSSC EXPECTS TO FINANCE OVER A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS OR LESS, AND FOR WHICH WSSC SHALL BUDGET ACCORDINGLY;

(2) THE PRINCIPAL OF ANY GIVEN BOND ISSUE SHALL BE PAYABLE ANNUALLY STARTING NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THE BONDS;

(3) THE BONDS SHALL MATURE NOT MORE THAN 4 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THE BONDS; AND

(4) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF BONDS OUTSTANDING AT ANY TIME MAY NOT EXCEED \$15,000,000, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL UPWARD ADJUSTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U), FOR THE WASHINGTON, DC-MD-VA METROPOLITAN AREA, OVER THE BASE YEAR 1997.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

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