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and set apart by the County as a separate trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of paying the purchase or redemption prices of the bonds to be refunded.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County may, prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, issue interim certificates or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds have been executed and are available for such delivery, provided, however, that any such interim certificates or temporary bonds shall be issued in all respects subject to the restrictions and requirements set forth in this Act. The County may, by appropriate resolution, provide for the replacement of any bonds issued hereunder which shall have become mutilated or lost or destroyed upon such conditions and after receiving such indemnity as the County may require.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any and all obligations issued under this Act, their transfer, the interest payable on them, and any income derived from them from time to time (including any profit made in their sale) shall be and are hereby declared to be at all times exempt from State, county, municipal, or other taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever within the State of Maryland.

SECTION 9. 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act shall prevent the County from authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds:

- (a) on which the interest or income derived is not excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; or
- (b) which are subject to any State, county, municipal or other taxation within the State of Maryland.

SECTION 10. 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money, to issue bonds, and to provide loans and grants of the same that is conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative authority for borrowing, lending, and granting money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not been exercised, and nothing contained in this Act may be construed to impair, in any way, the validity of any bonds that may have been issued by the County under the authority of any said Acts, and the validity of the bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Dorchester County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 11. 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.