

redeemable or to the purchase of cancellation of bonds, as the County may determine to be in its best interest; provided, however, that if the County subsequently adopts a resolution allocating such excess funds to the costs of construction or acquisition of additional hospital facilities, such excess funds shall be used for such purposes.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the bonds hereby authorized shall constitute, and they shall so recite, an irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the county to the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds as and when they become payable. In each and every fiscal year that any of the bonds are outstanding, the County shall levy or cause to be levied ad valorem taxes upon all the assessable property within the corporate limits of the County in rate and amount sufficient to provide for or assume the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on all the bonds maturing in each such fiscal year and, if the proceeds from the taxes so levied in any fiscal year prove inadequate for such payment, additional taxes shall be levied in the succeeding fiscal year to make up any deficiency. The County may apply to the payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds issued hereunder any funds received by it as loan payments from the Hospital pursuant to the Loan Agreement described in Section 1 of this Act, and any funds received by it from the State of Maryland, the United States of America, any agency or instrumentality of either, or from any other source if such funds are granted for the purpose of assisting the County in financing the cost of construction or acquisition of hospital facilities as defined in this Act and, to the extent of any such payments or funds received or receivable in any fiscal year that the County determines to apply to payments of the principal of or interest on the bonds, taxes that might otherwise be required to be levied under this Act may be reduced proportionately or need not be levied.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County is hereby further authorized and empowered, at any time and from time to time, to issue its bonds in the manner hereinabove described for the purpose of refunding any bonds issued under this Act by payment at maturity or the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity. The validity of any refunding bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the obligations being refunded. The powers herein granted with respect to the issuance of bonds shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds. Such refunding bonds may be issued by the County for the purpose of providing it with funds to pay any of its outstanding bonds issued under this Act at maturity, to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds issued under this Act, prior to their maturity, to redeem prior to maturity any outstanding bonds which are, by their terms, redeemable, to pay outstanding bonds which are, by their terms, redeemable, to pay interest on any outstanding bonds prior to their payment at maturity or purchase or redemption in advance of maturity or to pay any redemption or purchase premium in connection with the refunding of any of its outstanding bonds issued under this Act. The proceeds of the sale of any refunding bonds shall be segregated 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,