

(4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the 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 issuance 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 grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee'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 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or 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 grantee has until June 1, 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 482

(House Bill 523)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Digital Signature Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing a digital signature pilot program in State government; providing for ~~agency~~ participation in the program; authorizing certain agencies to establish procedures to allow for the use of digital signatures under certain circumstances; providing for the use of digital signatures under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of State to adopt certain regulations; requiring ~~a certain report~~ certain reports; defining certain terms; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the creation of a digital signature pilot program.

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 8-504

Annotated Code of Maryland