WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-12B-4

§18-12B-4. Issuance of revenue bonds; use of proceeds; bonds exempt from taxation.

The issuance of revenue bonds under the provisions of this article shall be authorized from time to time by resolution or resolutions of the board of regents, which shall set forth the proposed major renovations, repairs and safety upgrading and capital improvements authorized by section one of this article; and shall provide for the issuance of bonds in amounts sufficient, when sold as hereinafter provided, to provide moneys deemed by the board of regents sufficient to pay such costs, less the amounts of any other funds available for said costs from any other moneys of the board of regents available therefor or from any appropriation, grant or gift therefor. Such resolution shall prescribe the rights and duties of the bondholders and the board of regents, and for such purpose may prescribe the form of the trust agreement hereinafter referred to. The bonds may be issued from time to time, in such amounts, shall be of such series, bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times not exceeding forty years from their respective dates, bear interest at such rate or rates; be in such denominations; be in such form, either coupon or registered, carrying such registration, exchangeability and interchangeability privileges; be payable in such medium of payment and at such place or places within or without the state; be subject to such terms of redemption at such prices not exceeding one hundred five percent of the principal amount thereof; and be entitled to such priorities on the revenues and fees paid into the state system tuition fee special capital improvements fund as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in any trust agreement made in connection therewith. The bonds shall be signed by the Governor, and by the president or vice president of the board of regents, under the great seal of the state, attested by the Secretary of State, and the coupons attached thereto shall bear the facsimile signature of the president or vice president of the board of regents. In case any of the officers whose signatures appear on the bonds or coupons cease to be such officers before the delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officers had remained in office until such delivery. Such revenue bonds shall be sold in such manner as the board of regents may determine to be for the best interests of the state.

Any pledge of funds and fees for such revenue bonds made by the board of regents shall be valid and binding between the parties from the time the pledge is made; and the funds so pledged shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any further physical delivery thereof or further act. The lien of such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise, irrespective of whether such parties have notice of the lien of such pledge, and such pledge shall be a prior and superior charge over any other use of such funds so pledged.

The proceeds of such bonds shall be used solely for the payment of the cost of those major renovations, repairs and safety upgrading and capital improvements as generally and

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specifically set forth in section one of this article, and shall be deposited in the State Treasury in a special fund to be disbursed as provided by law for the disbursement of any other state funds. If the proceeds of such bonds, by error in calculations or otherwise, shall be less than the cost of such major renovations, repairs and safety upgrading and capital improvements, additional bonds may in like manner be issued to provide the amount of the deficiency; and unless otherwise provided for in the resolution or trust agreement hereinafter mentioned, such additional bonds shall be deemed to be of the same issue, and shall be entitled to payment from the same fund, without preference or priority, as the bonds before issued for major renovations, repairs and safety upgrading and capital improvements. If the proceeds of bonds issued for such major renovations, repairs and safety upgrading and capital improvements shall exceed the cost thereof, the surplus may be used for such other capital improvements as the board of regents may determine or in such other manner as the resolution authorizing such bonds may provide. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the board may, under like restrictions, issue temporary bonds with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds upon the issuance of such definitive bonds. The term "cost," as used in this section, shall be deemed to include all of the items contemplated by the use of that term in section one of this article.

After the issuance of any of such revenue bonds, the tuition fees at the state institutions of higher education pledged therefor shall not be reduced as long as any of such revenue bonds are outstanding and unpaid except under such terms, provisions and conditions as shall be contained in the resolution, trust agreement or other proceedings under which such revenue bonds were issued.

Such revenue bonds and the revenue refunding bonds, and bonds issued for combined purposes shall, together with the interest thereon, be exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia, or by any county, school district, municipality or political subdivision thereof.

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