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(By Mr. Seibert)



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AN ACT authorizing the issuance and sale by the governor of bonds of the state of West Virginia, under authority of the Better Roads Amendment of 1964, in an amount not exceeding twenty million dollars during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred seventy-two, for the sole purpose of raising funds for the building and construction of state roads and highways as provided for by the constitution and the laws enacted thereunder; specifying the powers of and limitations upon the governor in the issuance and sale of such bonds; prescribing the duties of the auditor and treasurer with respect to

such bonds; providing for redemption; providing for transfer and registration fees with respect to registered bonds and the disposition of such fees; providing for places of payment of principal and interest on such bonds; exempting such bonds from taxation by the state, or by any county, district, or municipality thereof; setting forth the form of coupon and registered bonds and coupons; stating what moneys shall be paid into the state road sinking fund; providing for the disposition and investment of the state road sinking fund; providing a covenant between the state and the bondholders; providing that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be paid into a separate and distinct account in the state road fund and for expenditures from such account; providing that the plates, etc., from which the bonds are produced or made shall be the property of the state; providing for interim certificates in lieu of permanent bonds; providing for the state treasurer to be financial advisor; providing for the attorney general or his duly appointed legal representative to serve as bond counsel; and providing that all necessary expenses, including legal expenses approved by the at-

torney general, incurred in the execution of this act shall be paid out of the state road fund on warrants of the auditor of the state drawn on the state treasurer.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ROAD BONDS.**

**§1. Road bonds; amount; when may issue.**

1 Bonds of the state of West Virginia, under authority  
2 of the Better Roads Amendment of 1964, of the par  
3 value not to exceed twenty million dollars during the  
4 fiscal year ending June thirty, one thousand nine hun-  
5 dred seventy-two, are hereby authorized to be issued  
6 and sold for the sole purpose of raising funds for the  
7 building and construction of state roads and high-  
8 ways as provided for by the constitution and the laws  
9 enacted thereunder. Such bonds may be issued by the  
10 governor in such denominations, at such time, bearing  
11 such date or dates as the governor may determine,  
12 based upon an examination of the West Virginia  
13 department of highways' yearly program which jus-  
14 tifies the issuance by the governor of said bonds, and  
15 shall become due and payable serially, annually

16 or semiannually, in such amounts and mature in  
17 such years as the governor may determine: *Provided*,  
18 That such bonds shall mature within and not exceed-  
19 ing twenty-five years from their date.

**§2. Transfer fee; registration fee; where payable; interest  
rate; tax exempt.**

1 The auditor and the treasurer are hereby authorized  
2 to arrange for the transfer of registered bonds and for  
3 each such transfer a fee of fifty cents shall be charged  
4 by and paid to the state of West Virginia, to the credit  
5 of the state road sinking fund. Bonds taken in exchange  
6 shall be cancelled by the auditor and treasurer and be  
7 carefully preserved by the treasurer. The treasurer  
8 shall make provisions for registering "payable to bearer"  
9 bonds, and for each bond registered a fee of fifty cents,  
10 shall likewise be charged by and paid to the state of  
11 West Virginia, to the credit of the state road sinking  
12 fund. All such bonds shall be payable at the office of  
13 the treasurer of the state of West Virginia, or, at the  
14 option of the holder, at a bank in the city of New York  
15 to be designated by the governor, or, at the option

16 of the holder at such other bank or banks, within or  
17 without the state, as may be designated or approved  
18 by the governor. The bonds shall bear interest, pay-  
19 able semiannually, to bearer, at the office of the treasurer  
20 of the state of West Virginia, at the capitol of the state,  
21 or at the banks designated and approved by the governor,  
22 upon presentation and surrender of interest coupons then  
23 due, in the case of coupon bonds. For the payment  
24 of interest on registered bonds, the treasurer of the  
25 state of West Virginia shall requisition a warrant from  
26 the auditor of the state to be drawn on the state treas-  
27 urer, and shall mail such warrant to the registered own-  
28 er at the address as shown by the record of registra-  
29 tion. Both the principal and interest of the bonds shall  
30 be made payable in lawful money of the United States  
31 of America and the bonds shall be exempt from taxation  
32 by the state of West Virginia, or by any county, dis-  
33 trict, or municipality thereof, which facts shall appear  
34 on the face of the bonds as part of the contract with  
35 the holder thereof.

**§3. Form of bond.**

1 The bonds shall be executed on behalf of the state

2 of West Virginia, by the manual or facsimile signature of  
3 the treasurer thereof, under the great seal of the state or  
4 a facsimile thereof, and countersigned by the manual or  
5 facsimile signature of the auditor of the state: *Provided,*  
6 That one of said signatures on said bonds shall be a man-  
7 ual signature and said bonds shall be in the following form  
8 or to the following effect, as nearly as may be, namely:

9 COUPON ROAD BOND

10 (Or registered road bond, as the case may be)

11 OF THE

12 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

13 \$\_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

14 The state of West Virginia, under and by virtue of  
15 authority of an amendment to the constitution, which  
16 was proposed by House Joint Resolution No. 10, adopted  
17 the seventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred  
18 sixty-three, and was ratified by a vote of the people  
19 at the general election on the third day of November,  
20 one thousand nine hundred sixty-four, which is here-  
21 by made a part hereof as fully as if set forth at length  
22 herein, acknowledges itself to be indebted to and hereby

23 promises to pay to the bearer hereof (in case of a coupon  
24 bond) or to \_\_\_\_\_ or assigns (the owner  
25 of record, in case of registered bonds) on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
26 of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, in lawful money of the  
27 United States of America at the office of the treasurer  
28 of the state of West Virginia at the capitol of said state,  
29 or, at \_\_\_\_\_ bank in the city of  
30 New York, or, at \_\_\_\_\_ bank, at the  
31 option of the holder, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars,  
32 with interest thereon at \_\_\_\_\_ per centum per annum  
33 from the date, payable semiannually in like lawful money  
34 of the United States of America at the treasurer's office  
35 or banks aforesaid, on the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
36 the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ of each year (and in  
37 the case of coupon bonds) according to the tenor of  
38 the annexed coupons bearing the facsimile signature  
39 of the treasurer of the state of West Virginia, upon sur-  
40 render of such coupons. This bond (in case of a coupon  
41 bond) may be exchanged for a registered bond of like  
42 tenor upon application to the treasurer of the state of  
43 West Virginia.



44 (Redemption provisions, if any, to be inserted here)

45 To secure the payment of the principal and interest  
46 of this bond, the state of West Virginia covenants and  
47 agrees with the holder as follows: (1) That this bond  
48 shall constitute a direct and general obligation of the  
49 state of West Virginia; (2) that the full faith and credit  
50 of the state is pledged to secure the payment of the  
51 principal and interest of this bond; (3) that an annual  
52 state tax shall be collected in an amount sufficient to  
53 pay as it may accrue the interest on this bond and the  
54 principal thereof; and (4) that such tax shall be levied in  
55 any year only to the extent that the moneys in the  
56 state road fund irrevocably set aside and appropriated  
57 for and applied to the payment of the interest on and  
58 principal of this bond becoming due and payable in such  
59 year are insufficient therefor.

60 This bond is hereby made exempt from any taxa-  
61 tion by the state of West Virginia, or by any county,  
62 district, or municipal corporation thereof.

63 In testimony whereof, witness the manual or facsimile  
64 signature of the treasurer of the state of West Virginia,

65 and the manual or facsimile countersignature of the  
66 auditor of the state, hereto affixed according to law,  
67 dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand  
68 nine hundred \_\_\_\_\_, and the seal of the state of  
69 West Virginia or a facsimile thereof.

70 \_\_\_\_\_

71 Treasurer of the State of West Virginia

72 (SEAL)

73 Countersigned:

74 \_\_\_\_\_

75 Auditor of the State of West Virginia

**§4. Form of coupon.**

1 The form of coupon shall be substantially as follows,

2 to wit:

3 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

4 Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_ Coupon No. \_\_\_\_\_

5 On the first day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, the state  
6 of West Virginia will pay to the bearer, in lawful money  
7 of the United States of America, at the office of the  
8 treasurer of the state, or, at \_\_\_\_\_ bank  
9 in the city of New York, or, at \_\_\_\_\_, at the

10 option of the holder, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
11 dollars, the same being semiannual interest on Road  
12 Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_.

13 \_\_\_\_\_

14 Treasurer of the State of West Virginia

15 The signature of the treasurer to such coupon shall  
16 be by his facsimile signature and the coupons shall be  
17 numbered in the order of their maturity, from number  
18 one consecutively. The bonds and coupons may be  
19 signed, as provided in this act, by the present treasurer  
20 and auditor, or by any of their respective successors  
21 in office, and the bonds signed by the persons now in  
22 the office may be sold by the governor or his successor  
23 in office without being signed by the successor in office  
24 of the present treasurer or auditor.

**§5. Listing by auditor.**

1 All coupons and registered bonds issued under this  
2 act shall be separately listed by the auditor of the state  
3 in books provided for the purpose, in each case giving  
4 the date, number, character and amount of obligations  
5 issued, and in case of registered bonds, the name and

6 post-office address of the person, firm or corporation  
7 registered as the owner thereof.

**§6. State road sinking fund sources used to pay bonds and  
interest; investment of remainder.**

1 Into the state road sinking fund there shall be paid  
2 all money from any and all appropriations made by  
3 the state from the state road fund for the purpose of  
4 paying the interest on such bonds or paying off and  
5 retiring the bonds, from transfer and registration fees  
6 as herein provided, and from any other source what-  
7 soever which is made liable by law for the payment  
8 of the principal of such bonds or the interest thereon.

9 All such funds shall be kept by the treasurer in a  
10 separate account, under the designation aforesaid, and  
11 all money belonging to the fund shall be deposited in  
12 the state treasury to the credit thereof.

13 Such fund shall be applied by the treasurer of the  
14 state first to the payment of the semiannual interest  
15 on such bonds as it shall become due as herein pro-  
16 vided. The remainder of the fund shall be turned over  
17 by the state treasurer to the state sinking fund com-

18 mission, whose duty it shall be to invest the same in  
19 obligations of the government of the United States,  
20 bonds of the state of West Virginia, or any political  
21 subdivision thereof: *Provided*, That bonds or other obli-  
22 gations so purchased by the state sinking fund commis-  
23 sion shall mature so as to provide sufficient money to  
24 pay off all bonds herein provided to be issued as they  
25 become due; and the money so paid into the state road  
26 sinking fund under the provisions of this act shall be  
27 expended for the purpose of paying the interest and  
28 principal of the bonds hereby provided for as they  
29 severally become due and payable and for no other  
30 purpose except that the fund may be invested until  
31 needed, as herein provided.

**§7. Covenants of state.**

1 The state of West Virginia covenants and agrees with  
2 the holders of the bonds issued pursuant hereto as fol-  
3 lows: (1) That such bonds shall constitute a direct and  
4 general obligation of the state of West Virginia; (2) that  
5 the full faith and credit of the state is hereby pledged  
6 to secure the payment of the principal and interest

7 of such bonds; (3) that an annual state tax shall be  
8 collected in an amount sufficient to pay as it may accrue  
9 the interest on such bonds and the principal thereof;  
10 and (4) that such tax shall be levied in any year only  
11 to the extent that the moneys in the state road fund  
12 irrevocably set aside and appropriated for and applied  
13 to the payment of the interest on and principal of said  
14 bonds becoming due and payable in such year are in-  
15 sufficient therefor.

**§8. Sale by governor; minimum price.**

1 The governor shall sell the bonds herein authorized  
2 at such time or times as he may determine necessary  
3 to provide funds for the building and construction of  
4 state roads and highways, as herein provided, upon the  
5 recommendation of the West Virginia commissioner of  
6 highways, and after reviewing the program of the West  
7 Virginia department of highways and subject to the limi-  
8 tations contained in this act. All sales shall be at not less  
9 than par and accrued interest. All interest coupons becom-  
10 ing payable prior to the sale date shall be cancelled  
11 by the treasurer and rendered ineffective, before the  
12 delivery of the bonds so sold.

**§9. Proceeds paid into separate account in state road fund; expenditures.**

1 The proceeds of all sales of bonds herein authorized  
2 shall be paid into a separate and distinct account in  
3 the state road fund and shall be used and appropri-  
4 ated solely for the building and construction of state  
5 roads and highways provided for by the state consti-  
6 tution and the laws enacted thereunder. Except for  
7 such sums necessary for current operating balances,  
8 such account shall be invested and reinvested in short-  
9 term obligations of the United States treasury: *Provided,*  
10 That no such investment or reinvestment shall adversely  
11 affect the current operating balances of such account.

**§10. Plates, etc., property of state.**

1 The plates, casts, dies or other forms from which the  
2 bonds authorized by this act are produced or made shall  
3 be the property of the state of West Virginia.

**§11. Auditor to be custodian of unsold bonds.**

1 The state auditor shall be the custodian of all unsold  
2 bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act.

**§12. Interim certificates.**

1 The governor may authorize the issuance of interim  
2 certificates to be issued to the purchasers of such bonds  
3 to be held by them in lieu of permanent bonds. When  
4 interim certificates are so issued, they shall become full  
5 and legal obligations of the state of West Virginia under  
6 all of the provisions of this act just as fully and completely  
7 as the permanent bonds.

**§13. State treasurer to be financial advisor; redemption of bonds.**

1 The state treasurer shall serve as financial advisor to  
2 the governor for the issuance and sale of such bonds.  
3 In addition to his other duties, the state treasurer may  
4 provide in the bond resolution and on the face of the  
5 bonds that said bonds are subject to redemption prior  
6 to maturity, the redemption price, the redemption date,  
7 and the manner in which the bonds shall be redeemed.

**§14. Attorney general or his duly appointed legal representative to serve as bond counsel.**

1 The attorney general, or his duly appointed legal  
2 representative, shall serve as bond counsel and shall be



3 responsible for the issuance of a final approving opinion  
4 regarding the legality of the sale of such bonds.

**§15. Approval and payment of all necessary expenses.**

1 All necessary expenses, including legal expenses ap-  
2 proved by the attorney general, incurred in the execu-  
3 tion of this act shall be paid out of state road fund on  
4 warrants of the auditor of the state drawn on the state  
5 treasurer.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Russell H. Beale  
Chairman Senate Committee

Philip J. Rutledge  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard Meyer  
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

E. Hans McKee  
President of the Senate

Lewis H. McManus  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 1st  
day of April, 1971.

Arch A. Moore Jr.  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

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