

every half holiday Saturday shall, until twelve o'clock noon, be deemed a secular business day. Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of sections 9 and 10 of Article 3 of the Code of Public General Laws, applicable to any Saturday, whenever the same, under the provisions of said section, shall be a legal holiday.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 367.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Somerset County to fund certain indebtedness of said County, to issue bonds, and to levy a tax for the payment of the same.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Somerset county are indebted unto sundry persons and corporate institutions in certain sums of money, the same having been levied in the years 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, and are unable to pay said indebtedness, because taxes levied in said years have not been collected by reason of insolvencies, and for other reasons; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is desirable to provide for the gradual liquidation of said indebtedness; therefore,

Bonds to be issued.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the County Commissioners of Somerset county be and they are hereby directed to immediately issue bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, said bonds to be in sums of five hundred dollars each, to be signed by the president of the said County Commissioners, and countersigned by the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners with the corporate seal of said board attached to each and every bond so issued; said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of April and the first day of October in each and every year until the maturity thereof, and to have coupons attached to them for the interest, and the said coupons shall be receivable by the collector of taxes or County Treasurer for said county in payment of county taxes, and said bonds shall be exempt from County and municipal taxation.

When to mature.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said bonds shall be issued to mature as follows: One thousand dollars thereof in the year 1908, and annually thereafter the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per year until all of said bonds shall have matured, and