

# SENATE BILL 450

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County – Upper Potomac River Commission – Savage River Dam**  
3 **– Borrowing Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain limitation on the amount the County  
5 Commissioners of Allegany County may borrow for a capital outlay on behalf of  
6 the Upper Potomac River Commission; repealing a requirement that certain  
7 voters approve the capital outlay; authorizing the County Commissioners to  
8 borrow certain money, ~~by resolution,~~ for the capital outlay as authorized under  
9 certain provisions of law; repealing a requirement that the sale of certain bonds  
10 be advertised in a certain manner; repealing a requirement that the bonds be  
11 issued in a certain manner; repealing a requirement that certain bonds bear a  
12 certain interest rate, contain interest coupons, be in a certain denomination,  
13 and mature within a certain number of years; ~~requiring the County~~  
14 Commissioners to determine the form of certain bonds, including any interest  
15 coupons, the date of maturity, the denomination of the bonds, and the date for  
16 payment of principal and interest; ~~authorizing the bonds to be redeemable~~  
17 before their maturity at certain prices; ~~authorizing the County Commissioners~~  
18 to issue certain bonds under certain code home rule powers; repealing a  
19 requirement that the voters of Allegany County approve borrowing certain  
20 money; ~~repealing a requirement that the County Commissioners make a certain~~  
21 tax levy; making stylistic changes and technical corrections; and generally  
22 relating to the authority of the County Commissioners of Allegany County to  
23 borrow certain money on behalf of the Upper Potomac River Commission.

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
25 The Public Local Laws of Allegany County

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 76-7  
 2 Article 1 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 3 (1983 Edition and July 2008 Supplement, as amended)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 5 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article 1 – Allegany County**

7 Chapter 76

8 Upper Potomac River District

9 76-7.

10 **A.** If the County Commissioners of Allegany County shall at any time  
 11 hereafter deem it advisable and expedient for the welfare of the citizens of [said  
 12 county] **ALLEGANY COUNTY** to make a capital outlay or expenditure of money to  
 13 assist the Commission in aid of the acquisition, [and/or] construction, [and/or] **OR**  
 14 maintenance of any lands, structures, buildings, dams, impounding reservoirs, stream  
 15 beds, waterways, roadways, rights-of-way, water rights or watersheds and  
 16 appurtenances within the district [and thereafter such capital outlay of expenditure is  
 17 approved by the voters of said county as is hereafter provided for, said] **THE** County  
 18 Commissioners [are authorized and empowered to] ~~MAY, BY RESOLUTION,~~ borrow  
 19 any amount necessary for such purpose [up to but not exceeding two hundred  
 20 thousand dollars (\$200,000.)] from any governmental agency authorized to make such  
 21 a loan at reasonable interest rates, or [they are hereby authorized and empowered to]  
 22 issue and sell bonds [to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars  
 23 (\$200,000.)] ~~ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF ALLEGANY COUNTY IN SUCH~~  
 24 ~~AMOUNTS AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CONSIDER TO BE NECESSARY~~  
 25 ~~FOR THE COMMISSION TO CARRY ON ITS WORK AS AUTHORIZED UNDER~~  
 26 **ARTICLE 25B, §§ 14 THROUGH 21 OF THE CODE.**

27 ~~**B.** Should a bond issue be decided upon, then the County Commissioners of~~  
 28 ~~Allegany County [are hereby directed to] **SHALL** advertise, in such newspapers~~  
 29 ~~printed and published in Allegany County as may be determined by [said] **THE**~~  
 30 ~~County Commissioners, at least once a week for four (4) successive weeks, the sale of~~  
 31 ~~[said] **THE** bonds. [Said] **THE** advertisement shall state the time and place where~~  
 32 ~~bids, conditioned as may be required, will be opened, and [said] **THE** County~~  
 33 ~~Commissioners shall reserve unto themselves the right to reject any and all bids.~~

34 ~~**C.** [Said] **THE** bonds shall be signed on behalf of the County Commissioners~~  
 35 ~~of Allegany County by the President and countersigned by the Clerk thereof and shall~~  
 36 ~~bear the Corporate Seal of said Allegany County.~~

1        ~~D. [They shall bear interest, payable semiannually and at the rate of not~~  
 2 ~~over five percent (5%) per annum, for which interest coupons are to be attached to said~~  
 3 ~~bonds. They shall be in the denomination of one hundred dollars (\$100.) or any~~  
 4 ~~multiple thereof and shall mature and become payable not over fifteen (15) years from~~  
 5 ~~the date thereof.] THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY SHALL~~  
 6 ~~DETERMINE THE FORM OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING ANY INTEREST COUPONS TO~~  
 7 ~~BE ATTACHED TO THE BONDS, THE DATE OF MATURITY OF THE BONDS, THE~~  
 8 ~~DENOMINATION OR DENOMINATIONS OF THE BONDS, AND THE PLACE OR~~  
 9 ~~PLACES OF PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, WHICH MAY BE AT ANY~~  
 10 ~~BANK OR TRUST COMPANY WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE STATE. THE BONDS MAY~~  
 11 ~~BE REDEEMABLE BEFORE THEIR MATURITY OR MATURITIES, AT THE OPTION OF~~  
 12 ~~THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AT THE PRICE OR PRICES AND UNDER THE~~  
 13 ~~TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS~~  
 14 ~~PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.~~

15        **B. THE BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM**  
 16 **THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 31, §§ 9 THROUGH 11 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE**  
 17 **OF MARYLAND.**

18        ~~E. C.~~ [and said] **THE** bonds and interest [thereon] **ON THE BONDS** shall be  
 19 exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland.

20        ~~F. D.~~ [Upon] **ON** the procuring of said loan or the sale of said bonds, the  
 21 County Commissioners of Allegany County [are hereby authorized and directed to]  
 22 **SHALL** give all the proceeds of [said] **THE** loan or sale to the Commission, to be used  
 23 by it in carrying out the purposes and intentions of this chapter[.].

24        ~~G. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGANY COUNTY [and~~  
 25 ~~thereafter they are hereby authorized and directed to] SHALL make a special tax levy~~  
 26 ~~upon the assessable property of [said county] ALLEGANY COUNTY annually from~~  
 27 ~~year to year so long as the same may be necessary to meet all the interest and~~  
 28 ~~principal payments which may become due upon said loan or bonds according to the~~  
 29 ~~original tenor of either[.]; [provided, however, that before said County Commissioners~~  
 30 ~~shall borrow any of said money or issue said bonds or any of them, the question of the~~  
 31 ~~advisability of making such a capital outlay or expenditure shall be first submitted to~~  
 32 ~~a vote of the qualified voters of Allegany County, after adequate notice thereof by~~  
 33 ~~advertisement, at either a general election or at a special election called for that~~  
 34 ~~purpose, and if, at the election where said question is submitted, the number of ballots~~  
 35 ~~east upon said question and reading "Against the Upper Potomac River Control~~  
 36 ~~Capital Expenditure of ..... Thousand Dollars" (amount of bond~~  
 37 ~~issue to be inserted) shall exceed the number of ballots east upon said question and~~  
 38 ~~reading "For the Upper Potomac River Capital Expenditure of~~  
 39 ~~..... Thousand Dollars" (amount of bond issue to be inserted),~~  
 40 ~~then the provisions of this section of this chapter and only this section of this chapter~~  
 41 ~~shall be void and inoperative, and no loan shall be made and no bonds sold hereunder~~  
 42 ~~for said purpose by said County Commissioners of Allegany County.]~~

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   June 1, 2009.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.