

# HOUSE BILL 889

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Metropolitan Commission Bonds – Extension of Maximum**  
3 **Maturity Date**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum period of time after which certain bonds issued  
5 by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission mature; and generally relating  
6 to the issuance of bonds by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
9 Section 113–6  
10 Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
11 (2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

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

14 **Article 19 – St. Mary's County**

15 113–6.

16 A. For the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction, establishment,  
17 purchase or condemnation of water supply and sewerage systems in any of the sanitary  
18 districts, the Commission, upon the approval of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's  
19 County, is authorized and empowered to issue bonds, from time to time, upon the full faith  
20 and credit of St. Mary's County, in such amounts as it may deem to be necessary to carry  
21 on its work, but at no time shall the total issue of bonds for all purposes under this chapter  
22 exceed twenty–five (25) percent of the total value of the property assessed for County  
23 taxation purposes within all of the sanitary districts in which public water or sewer  
24 facilities are located. Subject to the conditions contained herein, the form, tenor, manner of  
25 selling and all other matters relating to the issuance of bonds under this chapter shall be  
26 prescribed in a resolution to be adopted by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 prior to sale of the bonds. The issuance of such bonds may not be subject to any limitations  
2 or conditions contained in any other law, and the Commission may sell such bonds in such  
3 manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price, as it may determine to be for  
4 the best interests of the Commission and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County.  
5 The bonds shall be serial bonds issued upon the serial maturing plan and in such  
6 denominations as shall be determined by the Commission. The bonds may be redeemable  
7 before maturity at the option of the Commission at such price and under such terms and  
8 conditions as may be fixed by the Commission prior to the issuance of the bonds, shall bear  
9 interest at such rate or rates payable semiannually, as shall be determined by a resolution  
10 of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission adopted prior to the delivery of the  
11 bonds, and shall mature in not more than [thirty (30)] **FORTY (40)** years after date of issue  
12 and shall be forever exempt from State, City and County taxation as hereinafter provided.  
13 They shall be issued under the signature and seal of the Commission and shall be  
14 unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of both principal and interest by the County  
15 Commissioners of St. Mary's County, a political subdivision of the State of Maryland, which  
16 guaranty shall be endorsed on each of the bonds in the following language: "The payment  
17 of interest when due and the principal at maturity is guaranteed by the County  
18 Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland." Such endorsement shall be signed on each  
19 of the bonds by the President and by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of  
20 the County, or another person lawfully assigned to the functions of the Clerk, within ten  
21 (10) days after the bonds are presented by the Commission to them for endorsement.

22 B. The principal amount of bonds issued hereunder, the interest payable thereon,  
23 their transfer and any income derived therefrom, including any profit made in the sale or  
24 transfer thereof, shall be and remain exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and  
25 by the several counties and municipal corporations of this State.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2016.