

GEORGIA

Certain authorities and agencies are allowed to issue bonds supported by lease-rentals from the State under a 1960 constitutional obligation placed on legislature to meet such rentals (art. VII, sec. VI, par. I(a) of the constitution of the State of Georgia as amended (Georgia Laws, 1960, pp. 1273-1276) and ratified by voters November 8, 1960, and proclaimed by the Governor November 29, 1960.

On October 15, 1962, U.S. Comptroller of the Currency ruled that bonds of the Georgia State authorities are exempt securities within the meaning of section 5136 of the Revised Statutes and may be underwritten by national banks, and portfolio holdings are not subject to limitation.

GEORGIA STATE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITIES

Public bonds created by 1951, Georgia Legislature:

(1) To acquire, construct, and operate self-liquidating projects embracing school buildings, classrooms, laboratories, etc., for students, etc., of any institution under control of State board of education or governing bodies forming part of the State school system.

(2) To execute leases of such facilities with various county boards of education, city boards of education or independent districts.

(3) To issue revenue bonds of the authority payable from revenues, rents, and other funds of the authorities; to pay costs of such projects and authorize collections and pledging of revenues and other charges for payment of such bonds and for maintenance costs of the projects.

In 1952, the State began a program of school construction. From 1952-55 \$157 million bonds were issued. In 1960, new surveys showed that more funds were needed. An additional \$70 million was authorized in 1961-62 followed by a continuing annual allotment of \$5.5 million beginning in the year ended June 30, 1961, for capital outlay to provide funds to pay annual rentals in lease agreements between the authority and local school units (State board of education became joint lessee).

Total authorized to June 30, 1965, \$270,134,000.

Outstanding, \$164,657,000.

GEORGIA STATE OFFICE BUILDING AUTHORITY

Created by General Assembly of the State of Georgia at the 1951 session as amended in 1953. Organized to (1) construct, acquire, own, equip, and manage self-liquidating office building projects and lease them to State departments or agencies; (2) issue and service bonds of the authority to finance cost of projects.

Rentals charged to the State departments and agencies are calculated to pay bond principal, interest, and costs of operation and maintenance of buildings.

Total authorized, \$26,600,000.

Outstanding, \$12,644,000.

CITY OF ATLANTA AND FULTON COUNTY RECREATION AUTHORITY

The authority was created by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia at its 1960 session. In 1964 bonds were issued by the authority