

being, as to the counties of Maryland adopting such charter or form of government, granted as a substitute for and in extension of the powers codified in Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "County Commissioners," it being the intent of the General Assembly of Maryland that said Article 25 shall continue to be operative in any and all such counties of Maryland as do not adopt for themselves a charter or form of government under the provisions of said Article XIA of the Constitution, but that the powers herein granted shall be operative in any and all such counties of Maryland as do adopt such charter or form of government.

### **Enumeration of Express Powers.**

An. Code, sec. 3. 1918, ch. 456, sec. 3.

3. The following enumerated express powers are hereby granted to and conferred upon any county or counties which shall hereafter form a charter under the provisions of said Article XIA of the Constitution, that is to say:

#### *(A) Local Legislation.*

To enact local laws for such county, including the power to repeal or amend local laws thereof enacted by the General Assembly upon the matters covered by the express powers in this Article granted; to provide for the enforcement of all ordinances, resolutions, by-laws and regulations adopted under the authority of this Article by fines, penalties and imprisonment, enforceable according to law as may be prescribed, but no such fine or penalty shall exceed \$100.00 for any offense or imprisonment for more than six months.

#### *(B) County Property and Franchises.*

To provide for the protection of county property; to provide for the acquisition and condemnation of property required for public purposes in the county; to dispose of any real or leasehold property belonging to the county, provided the same is no longer needed for public use, and to grant any franchise or right to use the same, or any right or franchise in relation to any highway, street, road, lanes, alley or bridge, for a period not longer than twenty-five years, and then only upon such terms and compensation as said corporation may deem proper, and after such disposition or grant shall have been advertised once a week for three successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in said county, stating the terms thereof and the compensation to be received therefor, and giving opportunity for objections thereto.

#### *(C) County Institutions.*

To erect, establish, maintain and control hospitals, almshouses, pest houses or other similar institutions within such county, and make all regulations for the government and conduct of the same; to establish, maintain, regulate and control county jails, and county houses of correction or de-