

and any part thereof by increasing, decreasing, eliminating or adding items provided that there shall be no consolidation of items in such manner as to reduce the detailed statement of the appropriations. They shall further be authorized to revise the schedule of anticipated receipts and estimated rates for general and special taxes and assessments in such manner as they may deem necessary. Not later than December 1st, in each year, or on the first day thereafter, if December 1st be a legal holiday, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall by a majority vote adopt the final budget, schedule of anticipated receipts, fix general and special tax rates, and impose the levy for the ensuing fiscal year. Such levy together with any surplus county funds and all other revenues from all other sources as shown by the schedule of anticipated receipts, must be sufficient to cover the total appropriations in the budget. The final budget, schedule of anticipated receipts and levies so adopted shall be signed by a majority of the County Commissioners, certified by their clerk, and at least three copies kept on record at the office of the County Commissioners, open to public inspection during regular business hours throughout the fiscal year in which it covers, and said County Commissioners shall not incur any obligation on the faith and credit of St. Mary's County other than those items provided in the budget.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved November 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 64.

(House Bill 26)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Commissioners of Aberdeen, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, to borrow, upon the faith and credit of the Town of Aberdeen, a sum of money not exceeding One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) and to issue and sell bonds therefor; and to expend the proceeds therefrom for the purpose of extending and improving the sewerage and drainage systems of Aberdeen, the construction of a fire house and jail; the purchase of a community recrea-