

CHAPTER 397.

(House Bill 581)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City to borrow on its faith and credit a sum or sums of money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the aggregate and to evidence said borrowing by the issuance of its general obligation serial maturity coupon bonds in par amount equal to the amount of the borrowing, payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of water rents collected in said municipality to the extent available, and to the extent of any deficiency in said proceeds for that purpose then from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes levied, without limitation as to rate or amount, on all assessable property in said municipality, notwithstanding any other statutory tax limitation, and to use the money so borrowed for extensions of municipal water mains and for improvements to the municipal water system, the exercise of the authority hereby conferred to be subject, however, to approval by the qualified voters of said municipality by referendum.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That to enable the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, a body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the City, to finance extensions of water mains in said City and improvements of the City water system, the said City is hereby authorized and empowered, at one time or from time to time, to borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the aggregate, and to evidence said borrowing by the issuance of its general obligation serial maturity coupon bonds, subject, however, to the limitations and conditions hereinafter imposed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That before borrowing or contracting to borrow any funds or issuing any bonds pursuant to the authority hereof, the City shall, by appropriate resolution, submit to a referendum of the qualified voters of the City, the question whether or not the authority hereby conferred shall be exercised. For the purpose of submitting said question, the City is hereby empowered to order a special election at such time and place, within the corporate limits of Ocean City, Maryland, as said City by resolution may determine. Public notice of such special election shall be given by publication in at least one weekly newspaper published in Worcester County, Maryland, in each of two (2) successive