

sioners may decide are needed to house any branch, division, function, property or activity of the county, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, fire engine houses, police stations and the County Court House in Towson, together with the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto and the acquisition and installation of necessary furnishings and fixed permanent equipment therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, as an addition and supplement to its corporate powers heretofore granted, the County is hereby authorized and empowered to procure public schools as above defined and to procure, maintain, own and operate any or all of the public facilities above defined, it being the intent hereof to confer upon said County all powers and authority necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its present programs for public facilities as contemplated by the foregoing definitions, and to implement present plans of the Board of Education of Baltimore County for the physical development of the public school system, subject in each case to such limitations as may be imposed by the Constitution or public general laws of this State. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed as mandatory upon the Board of County Commissioners of the County, which shall have full discretion to exercise any of the powers hereby conferred or to refrain from exercising any of them, and before exercising any such powers said Board of County Commissioners may require the board or official primarily charged with the maintenance and operation of any public schools or public facilities to furnish it with such information or data as it may, in its sole discretion, decide to be an appropriate condition precedent to a decision whether any of the powers hereby conferred shall be so exercised.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in order to enable the County to finance the public schools and public facilities defined in Section 1 of this Act, said County is hereby granted the power and authority to borrow not exceeding Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) for public schools and not exceeding Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) for public facilities, both as above defined, and to evidence said borrowing by the issuance of its general obligation serial maturity bonds, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. Before borrowing any money or issuing any bonds pursuant to the authority of this Act, the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall adopt a resolution describing the public schools or the public facilities, or both, for which said borrowing is intended, the amount needed to