

shall not apply to Baltimore county and Washington county, nor affect the law there in force.

Approved April 7, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 248.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the County Commissioners of Washington County in their discretion to levy and collect annually in perpetuity a sum of money in aid of the maintenance of a free library to be established in the town of Hagerstown, in said county.

Enter into a contract.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Washington county be and they are hereby authorized and directed in their discretion to enter into a contract with The Washington County Free Library, whereby they shall contract to contribute annually in perpetuity the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum for the care and maintenance of the said, The Washington County Free Library.

Levy a sum of money.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of carrying out the obligations which may be incurred under the provisions of the foregoing section, that the said County Commissioners of Washington county be and they are hereby authorized and directed, in their discretion, to levy and collect annually in perpetuity, on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money sufficient to meet the obligation to be incurred by the said County Commissioners of Washington county, under the provisions of the foregoing section.

Effective.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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#### CHAPTER 249.

AN ACT to authorize the legal and qualified voters of Pocomoke City, in Worcester County, State of Maryland, to decide by ballot whether or not town coupon bonds, not exceeding the amount of thirty thousand dollars, shall be issued by said town for the purpose of providing a water supply, sewerage system and electric lights for said town.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That at a special election to be held in the town of Pocomoke,