

WHEREAS, The present Court House at Cumberland, Allegany County, does not provide adequate facilities for the storing and safe keeping of the valuable County Records; and,

WHEREAS, Other additions to and improvements of the said Court House are urgently needed; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Allegany County are authorized to adopt proper plans and specifications for such additions to and improvements of the Court House at Cumberland, Allegany County, as in their judgment are necessary, and, after due advertisement for bids, to award the contract or contracts to the lowest responsible bidders therefor; and thereupon said County Commissioners shall advertise and sell the bonds hereinafter described to the amount of \$15,000 or so much thereof as shall be necessary to provide for the payment in full of the entire cost of said additions and improvements, but in no event shall bonds be issued and sold to an amount exceeding \$15,000.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to borrow money on the credit of said County by issuing and selling bonds under the corporate Seal of said County Commissioners, to be signed by the President and countersigned by the Clerk thereof; said bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, or \$1000 each, as shall seem most advisable to said County Commissioners; said bonds shall be dated July 1st, 1916, and shall bear interest from date, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding 5% to be determined by said County Commissioners; said bonds shall have printed upon them a distinct reference to the act directing their issuance and shall be designated "Allegany County Court House Bonds," and shall be exempt from municipal and county taxation in Allegany County.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That said bonds shall be so issued that a series of said bonds to the amount of \$3000 shall mature and become payable on July 1st, 1927, and a like series of said bonds to the amount of \$3000 on the 1st day of July in each and every year thereafter, so that the last series of said bonds shall fall due and become payable on July 1st, 1931; and said bonds shall be sold after due advertisement by said County Commissioners to the highest bidder or bidders, provided that none of said bonds shall be sold for less than par.