

General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 540.

AN ACT to authorize the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County and the County Commissioners of Caroline County to borrow money and to issue notes therefor for the purpose of opening the Long Marsh Ditch, and to provide for the levying and collecting of taxes to pay the interest on and to redeem said notes when due.

WHEREAS, the Long Marsh Ditch, being the dividing line for several miles between Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties, has not been opened or cleaned out for a great many years; and

WHEREAS, many thousands of acres of land are rendered unfit for cultivation as a result of the said Long Marsh Ditch being stopped up by accumulations of trees, sand bars and mud; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this condition many very valuable farms have become almost worthless to their owners and are assessed justly at a very low rate, being unproductive both to their owners and to the Counties and State; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County be and they are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and to issue the note or notes of said County Commissioners immediately after June 1, 1924, the said note or notes to be signed by the Board of County Commisisoners and countersigned by the Clerk of said Board, and to bear interest from the date of issuing or making of same. The said note or notes and the interest thereon shall be paid out of the regular levies to be made in the years 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Caroline County be and they are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars and to issue the note or notes of said County Commissioners immediately after June 1, 1924, the said note or notes to be signed by the Board of County Commissioners and countersigned by the Clerk of said Board, and to bear interest from