

shall be written or partly written and partly printed in words at length, and in case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at such election, such statement shall also show in like manner the whole number of votes cast for or against such proposition, and at the end of such statement shall be written a certificate that the same is correct in all respects, which certificate and each sheet of paper forming a part of the statement shall be subscribed by the judges and clerks. If any judge or clerk shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof, signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each one of the statements with one of the tally sheets, signed by the judges and clerks, shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive material, and each of the judges and clerks shall write his name across the fold of the envelope. One of the envelopes shall be addressed and delivered to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot County, and one to the Town Clerk by the Chief Judge.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted.* That this Act shall take effect upon the date of its passage.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of five million six hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars (\$5,663,000), the proceeds thereof to be used for certain necessary building, construction and equipment purposes of the State, and for acquiring certain land, and providing generally for the issue and sale of certificates of indebtedness evidencing such loan.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to issue a State loan, to be known as the "General Construction Loan of 1931," in the aggregate sum of five million, six hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars (\$5,663,000); five hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars (\$590,000) of said loan shall be dated the 15th day of August, 1931; one million, nine hundred and ninety-seven thousand