

unicipal corporations, INCURRING INDEBTEDNESS AND ISSUING BONDS, PROVIDING FOR REFERENDA ON LOCAL ACTS SETTING TAX RATES AND DEBT LIMITS, creating new municipal corporations and repealing municipal charters under said Article 11E, and relating generally to the government of municipal corporations in this State, with the exception of the City of Baltimore, under said Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 9 to ~~33~~ 43, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Corporations—Municipal", said new sections to follow immediately after Section 8 of said Article and to be under the new sub-title "Home Rule", Section 9 thereof to be under the sub-heading "~~Definition~~" "DEFINITIONS AND LIMITATIONS", Section 10 thereof to be under the sub-heading "Home Rule Classification", Sections 11 to 18, inclusive, thereof to be under the sub-heading "Charter Amendments", Section 19 thereof to be under the sub-heading "Annexation", Sections 20 to 30, inclusive, thereof to be under the sub-heading "Incorporation of Municipalities", SECTIONS 31 TO 39, INCLUSIVE, THEREOF TO BE UNDER THE SUB-HEADING "CREATION OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEBT", SECTION 40 THEREOF TO BE UNDER THE SUB-HEADING "TAX RATES AND DEBT REFERENDA", Sections ~~31 and 32~~ 41 AND 42 thereof to be under the sub-heading "Automatic Repeal of Charter", and all to read as follows:

HOME RULE

DEFINITION DEFINITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

9. ("*Municipal Corporation.*") (A) *As used in this sub-title, the term "municipal corporation" shall include all cities, towns and villages, now or hereafter created under any general or special law of this State for general governmental purposes, which are subject to the provisions of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland, which possess legislative, administrative and police powers for the general exercise of municipal functions, and which carry on such functions through a set of elected and other officials. The term is not to include any special tax area or district which does not exercise such general municipal functions, and the term is not to include the City of Baltimore.* ANY SPECIAL TAX AREA OR DISTRICT, SANITARY DISTRICT, PARK OR PLANNING DISTRICT, SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT OR OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY EXERCISING SPECIFIC POWERS WITHIN A DEFINED AREA BUT WHICH DOES NOT EXERCISE GENERAL MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS AND THE TERM IS NOT TO INCLUDE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE. NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO CONFER UPON ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AS HEREIN DEFINED, LOCATED WITHIN ANY SUCH TAX AREA OR DISTRICT, THE POWER BY INCORPORATION, CHARTER AMENDMENT, ANNEXATION OR OTHERWISE TO EXERCISE OR PERFORM, DIVEST OR DUPLICATE, WITHIN ITS CORPORATE LIMITS ANY OF THE SPECIAL POWERS OR DUTIES THERETOFORE CONFERRED UPON THE BOARD, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY