

money for the construction and maintenance of certain drainage ditches, under the provisions of Article 25, Sections 48 through 118, inclusive, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition as amended from time to time), including, but not limited to, the purchase, maintenance and operation of drag lines, trucks and other equipment and tools and the payment of salaries to employees for the operation thereof; and further to authorize said County Commissioners to expend the sums necessary to complete those ditches for which Public Drainage Associations have been organized.

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County have deemed the construction and maintenance of drainage ditches constructed under the provisions of Article 25, Sections 48 through 118, inclusive, Annotated Code of Maryland, (1951 Edition as amended from time to time), to be a public benefit and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County have deemed that Section 48 of Article 25 granted unto it the power and authority to cause to be constructed, straightened, widened or deepened any ditch, drain or watercourse for the purpose of draining wet, swampy or overflowed lands or lands subject to overflow; and

WHEREAS, to promote the construction and maintenance of drainage ditches in said County, The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County have heretofore expended certain sums of money for the purchase, maintenance and operation of drag lines, trucks, and other equipment and tools and maintained employees for the operation thereof; and

WHEREAS, some question has arisen as to whether or not The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County were and are authorized by the provisions of Article 25, Sections 48 through 118 aforesaid, to expend public funds for the construction and maintenance of drainage ditches;

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the action of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County in heretofore expending public funds for the construction and maintenance of drainage ditches of Public Drainage Associations in said County is hereby ratified and confirmed.

*And be it further enacted,* That The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County are hereby authorized to expend such sums as are necessary to complete those drainage ditches for which Public Drainage Associations have been organized.

*And be it further enacted,* That no liability shall attach to The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, either personally or in their official capacity, for any act or acts performed in expending public funds for the construction and maintenance of said drainage ditches in said County.

*And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of