

all services rendered and all utilities operated by the town and the cost of all capital improvements payable from current revenues. [by levying and assessing the same generally upon the whole of the assessable property of said town; provided, that the taxes for all purposes shall not exceed \$1.00 on every one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in any one year, which] In order to pay all or so much of said damages, expenses and appropriations as may not be payable from other revenues, the Commissioners are authorized and empowered to levy, in each year, an annual ad valorem tax on all property in the town subject to municipal taxation at a rate not to exceed in any year \$1.00 on each \$100.00 of the assessed value of such property. In addition, the Commissioners are authorized and directed to provide in each year for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on all bonds, notes and other indebtedness of the town and, in order to pay all or so much of said maturing principal and interest as may not be payable from other revenues, the Commissioners shall levy, without limitation, an annual ad valorem tax in rate and amount sufficient for the purpose. Said taxes shall be collected by such person or persons as the said Commissioners may see fit to appoint; and the said Commissioners shall fix the term of office, amount of bond and compensation of such collectors.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the effectiveness of this Act shall be subject to the requirement of Section 5 of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland that no such local law shall become effective in regard to a municipal corporation until and unless it shall have been approved at a regular or special municipal election by a majority of the voters of that municipal corporation voting on the question.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

Approved April 30, 1963.

CHAPTER 593

(Senate Bill 542)

AN ACT to add 11 new Sections under the new subheading "Redevelopment—Urban Renewal", to the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown as said Charter is contained in Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", sub-title "Leonardtown", to authorize and empower the Town of Leonardtown to carry out urban renewal projects, the redevelopment, rehabilitation of slum or blighted areas, including the acquisition of property for such purposes with certain provisions in regard to such acquisition by the exercise of the power of eminent domain; declaring such activities to constitute functions in furtherance of which the Town of Leonardtown may exercise the power of taxation, spend public funds and extend public credit; granting to the Town of Leonardtown certain additional powers and authority necessary or proper to carry into full force or effect the powers hereinabove mentioned and place certain restrictions and limitations on certain powers granted.