

pon bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or method of arriving at the same, terms, including redemption and registration provisions, conditions, maturities and all other details incident or necessary to the issuance, public sale and delivery of such bonds, without reference to any other law heretofore enacted; prescribing the method and manner of selling the bonds at public sale; empowering the County, subject to certain limitations, to sell the bonds at, above or below the par value thereof; empowering the County to refund any of the bonds purchased or redeemed in advance of maturity; empowering the County to apply to the payment of principal and interest of the bonds and refunding bonds any funds received from the State of Maryland and the United States of America, which may be properly allocable to said purpose; empowering and directing the County to contract to levy and to levy, impose and collect annually ad valorem taxes which, in addition to the State and Federal allotments, if any, will provide funds sufficient for the payment of principal and interest; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds, the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom, from all State, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland; and providing that the power to incur indebtedness and issue bonds therefor under the provisions of this Act is additional and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That, as used herein, the term "County" shall mean the body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and the term "public facilities" shall mean the following:

(a) the construction, improvement, repair, opening, relocation, grading, resurfacing, widening, extension and drainage of all public roads, streets, highways and sidewalks in the County now or hereafter maintained and operated by or under the jurisdiction of the County, including the acquisition of necessary rights of way, the acquisition of equipment for highway construction, maintenance and repair and planning and engineering services; the planning, design, construction, reconstruction and improvement of free bridges constituting parts of said roads, streets, or highways; the planning, construction, repair and permanent improvement of any storm water drainage systems necessary in the County;

(b) the construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, repair and modernization of (i) any structure to house any of the functions of county government or administration, especially but not limited to office buildings, and (ii) the Dorchester County Courthouse, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto and the acquisition and installation of necessary furnishings and fixed permanent equipment therefor;

(c) the construction of a county health center, including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto and the acquisition and instal-