

sary to the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds, without reference to any other law heretofore enacted; prescribing the method and manner of selling said bonds; empowering said County to sell said bonds at, above or below the par value thereof; empowering said County to refund any of said bonds purchased or redeemed in advance of maturity; empowering said County to apply to the payment of principal and interest of said bonds and said 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 said County to disburse said borrowed funds, or any portion thereof, to any board, agency, department or other public body which is empowered to construct, operate or maintain the type of project or projects herein defined in St. Mary's County; empowering and directing said 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 said maturing principal and interest; exempting said bonds and said refunding bonds and the interest thereon 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 St. Mary's County, and the term "flood prevention and watershed projects" shall include the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration, repair and modernization of (i) facilities for the storage and conveyance of water for irrigation and drainage purposes, (ii) facilities for the storage or development treatment and distribution of water, (iii) agricultural water management measures, (iv) land treatment measures used primarily for flood prevention, (v) water storage facilities, (vi) public recreational developments and facilities included in any watershed project, (vii) water resource improvements, and (viii) fish and wildlife development, including the sites therefor, (which shall include both fee simple title to land as well as perpetual easements), the cost of acquiring any such sites, the cost of constructing any roads, parking lots, sanitary facilities and beach areas in connection with the foregoing, architectural and engineering services including preparation of plans, drawings and specifications for such flood prevention and watershed projects and development of grounds and landscaping thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County is hereby authorized and empowered to finance the construction of flood prevention and watershed projects, as defined in Section 1 of this Act, and, in order to make such financing possible, said County is hereby granted the power and authority to borrow money and incur indebtedness for such purpose, from time to time, in an amount not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale upon its full faith and credit of its general obligation bonds