CHAPTER 639

(House Bill 1344)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners for Prince George's County, from time to time, to borrow not exceeding Seven Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$7,530,000) in order to finance the construction, acquisition, improvement or extension of certain public facilities, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale to the highest bidder or bidders at public sale of its general obligation, serial maturity coupon bonds in like par amount; empowering said 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 said bonds, without reference to any other law heretofore enacted; prescribing the method and manner of selling said bonds at public sale; empowering said County, subject to certain limitations, 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 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 for Prince George's 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 and reconstruction 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;