

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That, the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not heretofore been exercised. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair, in any way whatsoever, the validity of any bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations which may have been issued by the County under the authority of any Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money, and the validity of said bonds, bond anticipation notes or other obligations is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Charles County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That, the provisions of this Act are severable, and it is the intention to confer the whole or any part of the powers herein provided for, and if any of the provisions of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise void or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Act. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, void or unenforceable provision not been included therein.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Charles County at the general election to be held in November of 1970. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at said election the title of this Act and underneath said title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words: "For" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against", so that the voters of the county shall be able to designate his or her decision for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be "For" then the provisions of this Act shall become effective, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election shall be "Against" then the provisions of this Act shall become of no effect and shall be null and void.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That subject to the provisions of Section 11 herein, this act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

Approved May 5, 1970

CHAPTER 653

(House Bill 1485)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 15B(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1968