

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 128  
(House Bill 186)

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, to an amount not exceeding Seven Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,800,000.00), the proceeds derived from the sale of the certificates of indebtedness to be used for the purpose of converting existing unmetered water services within the boundary lines of Baltimore City to metered water services, including but not limited to the purchase of water meters and the installation thereof, and the doing of any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection therewith; authorizing said municipality to submit an ordinance or ordinances for said purpose to the legal voters of Baltimore City, and providing generally for the issuance and sale of said certificates of indebtedness.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That:

(a) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be and it is hereby authorized to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness (hereafter called "bonds") as evidence thereof, to an amount not exceeding Seven Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,800,000.00), the proceeds derived from the sale thereof to be used for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, but said debt shall not be created and said bonds shall not be issued, in whole or in part, unless an ordinance or ordinances of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore providing for the issuance thereof shall be first submitted to the legal voters of Baltimore City at such time and place as may be fixed by said ordinance or ordinances and be approved by a majority of the votes cast at such time and place, all as required by Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution of Maryland; and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in submitting any ordinance or ordinances for the issuance of said bonds, or any part thereof, to the legal voters of Baltimore City, may submit and resubmit the same at any municipal election as well as at any general election to be held in Baltimore City.

(b) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may submit, by one ordinance, the whole of the debt authorized by this Act to the legal voters of Baltimore City at one time, or it may, by one or more separate ordinances, submit a part thereof to the legal voters of said city at different times; and any ordinance or ordinances submitting the whole or any part of such debt to the legal voters of Baltimore