

Board of Public Works to be issued, and the governing bodies of each of the counties and of Baltimore City shall forthwith levy and collect such tax at such rate.

All matters committed by this Act to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.

SEC. ~~11~~ 12. *And be it further enacted,* That, except as otherwise indicated herein, moneys derived from the sale of bonds authorized by this Act shall be used only for capital improvements and for no other purpose. In determining whether an expenditure represents a capital improvement, the Board of Public Works shall be guided by the principle that a capital improvement is an improvement, the useful life of which shall be at least equal to the life of the bonds by which it is financed.

SEC. ~~12~~ 13. *And be it further enacted,* That, if any portion (word, sentence, paragraph, proviso or section) of this Act shall be held invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, and such invalid portion shall be considered severed and deleted from this Act.

SEC. ~~13~~ 14. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.

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CHAPTER 426

(House Bill 687)

AN ACT to repeal subsection (b) and (c) of Section 49 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Pensions of Judges and Their Widows"; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 47(a), (47(b), 47(c), 49(a), 49(g) and 50 of said Article, subtitles "Salaries of Judges," and "Pensions of Judges and Their Widows"; and to add new subsection (j) to said Section 49 of said Article 26, to follow immediately after subsection (i) thereof; AND 47(C) OF ARTICLE 26 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1970 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "COURTS," SUBTITLE "SALARIES OF JUDGES," increasing the salaries of the several judges of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, and the eight Judicial Circuits; amending the laws of this State providing for pensions or salaries to be paid to these several judges after termination of their active service; repealing certain laws of this State relating to additional pension or salary to be received by each of the judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals; amending the laws of this State providing for benefits to be received by these several judges who because of incapacitating illness resign their positions before their sixtieth birthday; providing for contributions by certain judges toward the cost of their PENSIONS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A JUDGE MUST BE ELECTED OR CONFIRMED PRIOR TO BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR A PENSION