

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 2 of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1971 be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Washington County, a body corporate, in order to finance the drainage of ground and surface waters in said County, are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow, from time to time, in such amounts as it shall deem necessary, money on the faith and credit of said County, and to issue therefor notes or bonds, provided that in the aggregate said notes and bonds shall not exceed the sum of One Million Dollars [and provided that said notes and/or bonds shall bear a rate or rates of interest not exceeding five per centum per annum]; and provided further that if said money or any part thereof shall be borrowed by a note or notes, such note or notes shall be signed by the President of the County Commissioners and the Treasurer of Washington County and have the seal of said county affixed thereto; and provided further that if said money or any part thereof shall be borrowed by the sale of bonds that said bonds shall be designated "Ground and Surface Water Drainage Bonds of Washington County," and shall be of such denomination or denominations, callable or non-callable, and of such type, or form, and of such period of maturity as the said County Commissioners of Washington County may deem advisable, and said bonds shall be signed by the President of said County Commissioners of Washington County and the Treasurer of said County and have the corporate seal of said Washington County affixed thereto, and the principal amount of said bonds and the interest payable thereon shall be and remain exempt from taxation by the State of Maryland and by the counties and municipalities of said State; provided further that if any such bonds shall be sold the provisions of Article 31, Sections 10 and 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume) shall be complied with.

SEC. 2. *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 all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 5, 1972.

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## CHAPTER 257

(House Bill 14)

AN ACT to add new Section 4A to Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "General Assembly," to follow immediately after Section 4 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Office Services," to provide that the State shall furnish reasonable office services for members of the General Assembly and to preclude other governmental entities from doing so UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.