

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That as used herein the term "the County" shall mean the body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the County Commissioners of Harford County. The term "development of the court house" shall include but not be limited to the construction, renovation, reconstruction, improvement, extension, site and improvement acquisition, alteration, repair and modernization of the present building or buildings used for court house purposes in Harford County, including sites therefor, adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity thereof; and including expenditures for sites, for architectural and engineering services including preparation of plans, drawings and specifications for the purposes enumerated, for improvements to the court house grounds and landscaping thereof, and for all customary permanent appurtenances and equipment for a court house.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the County is hereby authorized and empowered to finance the development of the court house, as defined in Section 1 of this Act, for the use, control and direction of the County Commissioners of Harford County and, for such purposes, the County is hereby granted the power and authority to borrow money and incur indebtedness from time to time, in an amount not exceeding the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) and to evidence the same by the issuance and sale, upon its full faith and credit, of its serial maturity, general obligation coupon bonds, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. Such bonds may be issued from time to time, in one or more ~~group~~ GROUPS or series, as funds for the development of the court house become necessary; provided, however, that the total indebtedness which may be incurred pursuant to the authority of this Act shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That subject to the foregoing limitations, the County shall, before borrowing any money or issuing any bonds pursuant to the authority of this Act, adopt a resolution describing generally the purposes for which said borrowing or indebtedness is intended and the amount needed for said purposes, determining the borrowing of money or incurring of indebtedness for all or a part of the amount so needed, and to issue its bonds to evidence such borrowing or indebtedness. Each series or group of said bonds shall be issued to mature in annual serial installments, the last installment to mature not later than thirty (30) years from the date of issue of said group or series. In said resolution, said County shall fix the annual serial maturity plan with respect to the bonds to be issued thereunder and said annual serial maturities shall be so fixed as to conform to the general financial plans of the County but need not be in equal par amounts or in consecutive annual installments. Subject to the limitations herein contained, said County shall have and is hereby granted full and complete authority and discretion to fix and determine, in said resolution, the form and tenor of any such bonds, the rate or rates of interest payable thereon, or the method of arriving at the same, the date or dates upon which said bonds shall respectively mature and be payable, the manner of selling said bonds at public sale, and generally all matters incident or necessary to the issuance, sale and delivery thereof. The bonds of each such issue shall be dated,