

laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with this Act, are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.]]

SECTION 2. 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 1974. The cost of the special election, if any, shall be paid by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Charles County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum here required. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this election the title of this Act and underneath the title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words: "For a Public Works Department and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against a Public Works Department" so that each voter of the county may designate his or her decision for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in the election are "For a Public Works Department" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on December 15, 1974, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against a Public Works Department" the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

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CHAPTER 818

(House Bill 1525)

AN ACT concerning

Loans

FOR the purpose of increasing the ceiling on loans,