CHAPTER 161

(Senate Bill 906)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Church Property

FOR the purpose of making a change in terminology relating to church property in St. Mary's County; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Section 177 Article 19 — Public Local Laws of Maryland (1965 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 177 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1965 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended) be and it is hereby repealed and re—enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 19

177.

Any land owned by a church, and constituting the premises occupied by [such] A CHURCH or its parsonage, and used exclusively for public worship or for other religious or customary purposes of a church or parsonage and not for investment, gain or other secular purposes, shall be exempt from the [benefit] DEBT SERVICE assessments provided for by this sub-title in respect of a frontage of not exceeding 150 feet. The Commission may, in its discretion, exercise in each individual case, grant or withhold a further exemption of the land so owned and used in respect of any frontage thereof in excess of 150 feet hereinbefore provided for.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved April 8, 1975.