

and alternative authority for borrowing money, and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the powers contained in such Acts have not heretofore been exercised, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair, in any way whatsoever, the validity of any bonds which may have been issued by the County under the authority of any of said Acts, and the validity of said bonds is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of Garrett County, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. 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.

SECTION 11. 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 Garrett County at the primary election to held in May of 1980. 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 Election of Garrett 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 the Hospital Bonds" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against the Hospital Bonds" 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 the Hospital Bonds" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against the Hospital Bonds" the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions of Section 11 herein and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.