

in derogation of any power now existing; and all Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland heretofore passed authorizing the County to borrow money ~~and are~~ hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in such Acts have not heretofore been exercised, unless such Acts are herein expressly repealed, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to impair, in any way whatsoever, the validity of any bonds which may have been issued by the County under the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 the 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 All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.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, during the thirty-day period following the effective date of this Act, the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County is hereby authorized to constitute itself The Board of Estimates for Caroline County under Section 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County (1965 Edition, as amended) for the purpose of ascertaining and fixing the estimated amounts of expenditures and disbursements to be made with respect to the public facilities; and thereafter the Board of County Commissioners shall appropriate money for the public facilities in an amount equal to the estimates made by The Board of Estimates pursuant to this Section.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 656

(House Bill 931)

AN ACT concerning

Small Claims Court

FOR the purpose of defining the term "small claims" to mean a civil action for money in which the amount claimed does not exceed a certain amount; and providing that a small claim action is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the district court.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section ~~12-101(g)~~ 4-405
Annotated Code of Maryland