

year; requiring--certain-notice-of-the-intention-to-borrow; generally relating to fiscal policy in Cecil County; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Cecil County
Section 1-22 and 9-9(b)(4) and (e)
Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1970 Edition and December, 1982 Supplement, as amended
by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1984)

Preamble

WHEREAS,--House--Bill--1691--was--introduced--in--furtherance--of--meeting--the--needs--of--the--government--of--Cecil--County,--its--primary--purpose--is--to--provide--\$2--million--of--tax--anticipation--borrowing--authority--to--the--County--to--permit--the--County--to--meet--its--payroll--and--expenses--responsibilities--during--that--portion--of--the--1984--fiscal--year--when--revenues--are--low,--This--action--was--taken--at--the--request--of--the--County--Commissioners--and--County--Treasurer.

House--Bill--1691--also--gives--the--County--a--one--time--authority--to--roll--over--its--unfunded--deficit--to--FY--85.

Both--of--these--actions--are--taken--to--ease--the--fiscal--dilemma--in--which--Cecil--County--finds--itself.

House--Bill--1691--does--not--address--the--causes--of--Cecil--County's--financial--distress,--which--is--caused--by--the--County's--spending--habits. --Until--recently,--Cecil--County--had--a--budget--surplus--that--acted--as--a--cushion--during--times--of--low--revenues. That--money--is--gone--now,--notwithstanding--recent--large--property--tax--increases.

The--County--will--either--have--to--raise--taxes--again--or--cut--its--budget. ---Personnel--costs--are--increasing,--and--the--press--has--reported--that--the--number--of--County--employees--has--risen--steeply,--as--follows:

<u>Fiscal--Year</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Increase--from--1979</u>
<u>1979</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>1980</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>-5</u>
<u>1981</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>38</u>
<u>1982</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>52</u>
<u>1983</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>1984</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>79</u>
<u>currently</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>120</u>