

The--number--of--County--employees--has-risen-251%-in-less-than-6 years-

It-is-not-appropriate-to-attempt-to-run-the-County-from--the General--Assembly.---However,--runaway--County--costs-that-cause fiscal-chaos-leave-the-General-Assembly-no-choice--but--to--nudge the--County--in--the--direction--of--fiscal--responsibility, now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 8 - Cecil County

1-22.

{A} IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FIND THAT THE COUNTY'S EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984 HAVE EXCEEDED ITS REVENUES (EXCLUDING BORROWED FUNDS AND FUNDS THAT ARE A REIMBURSEMENT FOR PRIOR BOND RELATED EXPENDITURES) AT THE END OF THAT FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ROLL-OVER THE UNFUNDED DEFICIT TO FISCAL YEAR 1985 ONLY, FOR PAYMENT IN THAT FISCAL YEAR.

{B}--THE-COUNTY-TREASURER-SHALL-COMPUTE-THE-INCREASE--NEEDED IN--THE--ANNUAL-TAX-LEVY-TO-TOTALLY-ELIMINATE-THE-DEFICIT-THAT-IS ROLLED-OVER-TO-FISCAL-YEAR-1985-

{C}--THE-INCREASE-IN-THE-ANNUAL-TAX-LEVY-NEEDED-TO-ELIMINATE THE-FISCAL-YEAR-1984-DEFICIT-SHALL-BE--CERTIFIED--BY--THE--COUNTY TREASURER--TO-THE-COUNTY-COMMISSIONERS-AND-THEY-SHALL-ADD-THAT-TO THE-FISCAL-YEAR-1985-TAX-LEVY-RATE--THAT--HAS--BEEN--SET--BY--THE COUNTY-COMMISSIONERS-

{D}--ANY--TAXPAYER-IN-THE-COUNTY-HAS-STANDING-TO-ENFORCE-THE PROVISIONS-OF-THIS-SECTION-IN-THE-CIRCUIT-COURT-FOR-CECIL-COUNTY-

9-9.

(b) (4) {i} FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1983 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1984 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BORROW UP TO A TOTAL OF \$1,250,000 \$2,000,000, WHICH SHALL BE REPAYED IN FULL BY THE END OF THE DAY ON JUNE 30, 1984.

{ii}--THE--AUTHORIZATION--GRANTED--BY--THIS PARAGRAPH--(4)--MAY-BE-EXERCISED-ONLY-ON-OR-AFTER-MARCH-15,--1984-

{E}--NOTICE-OF-THE-COUNTY-COMMISSIONERS'-INTENTION-TO-BORROW SHALL--BE--GIVEN--AT--LEAST--ONCE--IN--A--NEWSPAPER--OF--GENERAL CIRCULATION-IN-CECIL-COUNTY-PRIOR-TO-BORROWING-THE-FUNDS-

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the severability provisions of Article 1, Section 23, of the Annotated Code of Maryland are applicable to this enactment.