exercised, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws 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 its purposes. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1989.

Approved May 19, 1989.

CHAPTER 332

(Senate Bill 339)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Public Facilities Bonds

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Washington County, from time to time, borrow not more than \$30,000,000 in order to finance the cost of certain public facilities in Washington County, as herein defined, and effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds, and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom, from all State, county, municipal and other taxation in the State of Maryland; and relating generally to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, as used herein, the term "County" means the body politic and corporate of the State of Maryland known as the County Commissioners of Washington County, and the term "public facilities" means the costs of acquisition, alteration, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, expansion, extension,