

municipal, or other taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever within the State of Maryland.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide additional, alternative and supplemental 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 previously enacted laws authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.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 All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.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 10. 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 a special election to be held on a date, specified by the Board of County Commissioners, within 90 days after this Act takes effect. The cost of the special election, if any, shall be paid by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Garrett County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For the referred law" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on (the 30th day following the official canvass of votes for the referendum) (a specified date), but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and, subject to the provisions of Section 10 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required under Section 10, this Act shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 19, 1989.