

(9) To require that all facilities and services that it establishes maintain such standards that they may qualify for licenses as hospitals under Title 19, Subtitle 3, Part III of the Health - General Article; and

(10) To integrate its facilities with, accept funds from, and cooperate with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in any facet or facets of its operations insofar as deemed advisable by this board.

(e) The board shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman for any period it may designate. It shall hold such meetings as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its business, not, however, less frequently than once per month. It shall adopt, subject to the terms of this section, such rules as are necessary for the internal regulation of the board.

(f) The activities of the board shall be supported insofar as possible by citizen support, voluntary contributions, fees and charges, payments from the State and federal government. The county commissioners or county council are authorized to make annual appropriations in support of the operations of the citizens nursing home board of the county for the objective of maintaining an adequate level of medical and nursing care for the aged, convalescent, and chronically ill citizens of the county. In further support of the objectives of this section the county commissioners or county council may make appropriations for land acquisition and capital improvements or borrow funds for these purposes and issue individual notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.

(g) The board shall annually report their activities to the county commissioners or county council during the preceding year, together with recommendations or requests they deem appropriate to achieve the objectives and purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

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## CHAPTER 129

### (House Bill 455)

AN ACT concerning

#### **St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bonds**

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$10,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, as herein defined, and to 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,