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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt - Circuit Court for Allegany County - Courthouse**

3 [TAG ftpo]FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of ~~\$260,000~~  
4 \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Commissioners of  
5 Allegany County for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes;  
6 providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; requiring the grantee to grant and  
7 convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; and providing generally  
8 for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Circuit Court for  
13 Allegany County - Courthouse Loan of 1996 in the total principal amount of ~~\$260,000~~  
14 \$100,000. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general  
15 obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued,  
16 sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and  
17 Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

18 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan maybe sold as a  
19 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under §  
20 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

21 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and  
22 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the  
23 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on  
24 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works,  
25 for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects'and engineers' fees:  
26 as a grant to the County Commissioners of Allegany County for the planning, design,

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1 repair, renovation, reconstruction, and equipping of the circuit courthouse in  
2 Cumberland in Allegany County, including the installation of a security elevator, new  
3 holding cells, and other security measures, these capital improvements being necessitated  
4 by the increased case load for the Circuit Court for Allegany County, resulting from the  
5 construction of the new correctional facility in Allegany County.

6 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate  
7 and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and when due  
8 and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of  
9 issuance of the bonds.

10 (5) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey to  
11 the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its  
12 interest:

13 (i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;  
14 and

15 (ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic  
16 structures.

17 (b) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust  
18 and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 June 1, 1996.