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**County Council Of Howard County, Maryland**

2011 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

**Bill No. 1 -2011**

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$27,500,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of Capital Project No. C0282 (Government Services Campus), more particularly described in the County's 2011 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2011. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen LeGendre, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **Recitals**

2 The County Council of Howard County, Maryland (the “County Council”) has adopted a Capital  
3 Budget for Howard County, Maryland (the “County”) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and  
4 included therein certain appropriations to pay the costs of the County capital project that is more  
5 particularly described in Appendix A attached hereto (the “Project”). Pursuant to Transfer of  
6 Appropriation Ordinance No. 2 Fiscal Year 2011, which has been passed by the County Council prior to  
7 the passage of this Act and has been enacted and become effective, the County has modified the funding  
8 sources for the Project by transferring from capital project No. C0214 (Category Contingency Fund) to  
9 the Project an aggregate appropriation of \$27,500,000 in bond funding to finance and refinance the  
10 Project, including payment of the costs of issuance of any obligation issued to evidence such borrowing.

11 **Now therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Charter of Howard**  
12 **County:**

13 **Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,** That the  
14 County, finds it necessary to borrow and is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow on its full faith  
15 and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, at one time or from time to time, an aggregate principal  
16 amount not exceeding \$27,500,000 the proceeds thereof to be used to finance and refinance the Project  
17 more particularly described in Appendix A attached hereto and in the Capital Budget; including without  
18 limitation, the cost of planning, design, construction, reconstruction, furnishing, equipping,  
19 improvements, renovations, remodeling, enlargements, engineering services, architects services, surveys,  
20 landscaping, site development, evaluation studies, land acquisition and related items, appurtenances and  
21 incidental activities. Proceeds of any bonds authorized by this Act may also be used to pay costs of  
22 issuance of such bonds.

23 **Section 2. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
24 That, pursuant to and in accordance with Article 31, Section 12 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as  
25 amended, the County is also authorized to issue bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of  
26 the bonds authorized by this Act and described in Section 1 hereof, and all references to “bonds” or

1 “obligations” in this Act shall include such bond anticipation notes, unless the context clearly requires a  
2 contrary meaning. It is intended that the aggregate principal amount of issued and outstanding bond  
3 anticipation notes when added to the aggregate principal amount of issued and outstanding bonds in  
4 anticipation of which such notes were issued, shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount set forth in  
5 Section 1 of this Act at any time. The County will agree in each ordinance described in Section 4 of this  
6 Act relating to any notes issued pursuant to this Act to pay such notes and the interest and premium, if  
7 any, thereon from the proceeds of the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which such notes are issued and  
8 other available funds, and the County will agree to issue such bonds when, and as soon as, the reason for  
9 deferring their issuance no longer exists.

10 **Section 3. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**

11 That, in connection with the acquisition of real property as part of the Project, the County may incur all or  
12 any portion of the indebtedness authorized by this Act for such acquisition by entering into an installment  
13 purchase agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 4.201A of the Howard County Code  
14 (“Section 4.201A”) or any successor provisions of law in lieu of issuing bonds for such acquisition. The  
15 principal amount of any such installment purchase agreement shall not exceed the lesser of (a) the  
16 maximum principal amount permitted by Section 4.201A or (b) the portion of the amount to be borrowed  
17 for the Project (as set forth in Section 1 hereof) which relates to such acquisition. All references to  
18 “bonds” or “obligations” in this Act shall include such installment purchase agreements, unless the  
19 context clearly requires a contrary meaning.

20 **Section 4. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**

21 That the County Council of the County, by an ordinance or ordinances adopted from time to time in  
22 accordance with Article VI of the Charter and other applicable provisions of law and policies of the  
23 County, shall provide for (a) the issuance and sale of, (b) the maximum principal amount, designation,  
24 form, tenor and denomination or denominations of, (c) the dates of the first maturity and the last maturity  
25 of, and (d) the interest rate or rates per annum (or the method of determining such rate or rates) payable  
26 on, any bonds or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act; and may by any such

1 ordinance, or by separate resolution, provide that the issue of bonds or other obligations hereby  
2 authorized be consolidated with one or more other issues.

3 **Section 5. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
4 That for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on such bonds or other obligations as the same  
5 shall become payable, the County Council of Howard County shall levy annually ad valorem taxes upon  
6 the assessable property in the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the principal  
7 of and interest on such bonds or other obligations until all of such bonds or other obligations shall mature  
8 and be redeemed.

9 **Section 6. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
10 That any bonds or other obligations issued from time to time under this Act are specifically exempt from  
11 the provisions of Article 31, Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and  
12 any successor provision of law.

13 **Section 7. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
14 That all bonds or other obligations authorized hereby shall be issued within four years from the date this  
15 Act becomes effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if bond anticipation notes are issued within such  
16 period in accordance with Section 2 hereof, the bonds authorized hereby may be issued until the final  
17 maturity date of such notes.

18 **Section 8. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
19 That the County anticipates that a portion of the costs of the Project may be paid prior to the issuance of  
20 the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby. The amount of such costs so paid will depend on  
21 various factors, including, without limitation, the timing and speed of progress on the Project, the  
22 availability of other funds to pay such costs on an interim basis, bond and money market conditions and  
23 compliance with federal and State laws and regulations.

24 Accordingly, the County reasonably expects to reimburse costs of the Project (as described  
25 herein) with proceeds of the bonds or other obligations authorized hereby, such bonds or other obligations  
26 to be issued by the County in the maximum principal amount of \$27,500,000.

1           **Section 9. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,**  
2   That this Act shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after its enactment.

**Project Description**

**Amount to be  
Borrowed**

**C0282 FY2001 (Government Service Campus)**

**\$27,500,000**

A project to purchase, renovate or construct additional County office space, Courthouse and related parking both at the current County campus location in Ellicott City and at additional locations (outside of the current campus) which are being explored. Some of this project is currently under design with renovations of the George Howard Building to occur in FY 2009. Project will also include reconstruction to the Carroll/Ligon Building.

**TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE BORROWED:**

**\$ 27,500,000**