

religious persuasion, or profession, or for his religious practice, unless, under the color of religion, he shall disturb the good order, peace or safety of the State, or shall infringe the laws of morality, or injure others in their natural, civil or religious rights; nor ought any person to be compelled to frequent, or maintain, or contribute, unless on contract, to maintain, any place of worship, or any ministry; nor shall any person, otherwise competent, be deemed incompetent as a witness, or juror, on account of his religious belief, provided, he believes in the existence of God, and that under His dispensation such person will be held morally accountable for his acts, and be rewarded or punished therefor either in this world or in the world to come.

Nothing shall prohibit the offering, reading from, or listening to prayers or Biblical Scriptures, if participation therein is on a voluntary basis, in any governmental or public school, institution or place.

Nothing shall prohibit OR REQUIRE THE making reference to belief in, reliance upon, or invoking the aid of God or a Supreme Being in any governmental or public document, proceeding, activity, ceremony, school, institution, or place.

Nothing in this article shall constitute an establishment of religion.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing article hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November 1970, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as now provided by law, and, immediately, after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

Approved May 5, 1970

CHAPTER 559
(Senate Bill 528)

AN ACT to authorize and empower the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, from time to time, to borrow not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in order to finance the construction, development and improvement of flood prevention and watershed projects in said 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 said County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rates or method of arriving at the same, terms, including redemption and registration provisions, conditions, maturities and all other details incident or neces-