

"AN ACT TO AMEND ACT NO. 871 OF 1985 [ARK.STATS. 13-1241(b)]; TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO FINANCE FACILITIES FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED PRIMARILY IN HEALTH SYSTEMS SUPPORT, SAFETY AND DISASTER RELIEF BY THE USE OF BONDS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of Section 3 of Act No. 871 of 1985, the same being subsection (b) of Section 13-1241 of the Arkansas Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) 'capital improvements of a public nature' or 'capital improvements' for the purposes of Amendment No. 62 and this Act means, whether obtained by purchase, lease, construction, reconstruction, restoration, improvement, alteration, repair or other means, (a) any physical public betterment or improvement or any preliminary plans, studies or surveys relative thereto, (b) land or rights in land (including, without limitation, leases, air rights, easements, rights-of-way or licenses), and (c) any furnishings, machinery, vehicles, apparatus or equipment for any public betterment or improvement, which shall include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing definition, the following: city or town halls, courthouses, and administrative, executive or other public offices; court facilities; jails, police and sheriff stations, apparatus and facilities; firefighting facilities and apparatus; public health facilities and apparatus; hospitals, nursing homes and similar extended-care facilities; facilities for nonprofit organizations engaged primarily in public health, health systems support, safety, disaster relief and related activities; residential housing for low and moderate income, elderly or handicapped persons and families; parking facilities and garages; educational and training facilities for public employees; auditoriums; stadiums; convention, meeting or entertainment facilities; ambulance and other emergency medical service facilities; civil defense facilities; air and water pollution control facilities; drainage and flood control facilities; storm sewers; arts and crafts centers; museums; libraries; public parks, playgrounds or other public open space; marinas; swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses, camping facilities, gymnasiums and other recreational facilities; tourist information and assistance centers; historical, cultural, natural, or folklore sites; fair and exhibition facilities; streets and street lighting, alleys, sidewalks, roads, bridges and viaducts; airports, passenger or freight terminals, hangars and related facilities; barge terminals, ports, harbors, ferries, wharves, docks and similar marine services; slack water harbors, water resource facilities, waterfront development facilities, and navigational facilities; public transportation facilities; public water systems and related transmission and distribution facilities, storage facilities, wells, impounding reservoirs, treatment plants, lakes, dams, watercourses, and water rights; sewage collection systems and treatment plants; maintenance and storage buildings and facilities; incinerators; garbage and solid waste collection disposal, compacting, and recycling facilities of every kind; gas and electric generation, transmission and distribution systems, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing hydroelectric generating facilities, dams, powerhouses, and related facilities; and social and rehabilitative service facilities."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby

repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. It has been found and it is hereby declared that certain municipalities in this State cannot finance facilities for nonprofit organizations engaged primarily in public health, safety and disaster relief at affordable costs except by the use of bonds as authorized hereby and that there is an immediate need for facilities for such organizations, which serve important public functions. Therefore, an emergency is declared and this Act, being necessary for the public peace, health and safety, shall be in force upon its passage and approval.

APPROVED: 3/23/87

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