
By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Special Taxing Districts - Creation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing St. Mary's County to exercise certain powers
4 concerning the creation of special taxing districts, the levying of certain taxes,
5 and the issuing of bonds for developing and financing certain infrastructure
6 improvements under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
7 authority of St. Mary's County to create special taxing districts for developing
8 and financing infrastructure improvements.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
11 Section 9-1301(a) and (c)(1) and (2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
16 Section 9-1301(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

22 9-1301.

23 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

24 (2) (i) "Bond" means a special obligation bond, revenue bond, note, or
25 other similar instrument issued by the county in accordance with this section.

26 (ii) "Bond" includes a special obligation bond, revenue bond, note,
27 or similar instrument issued by the revenue authority of Prince George's County.

1 (3) "Cost" includes the cost of:

2 (i) Construction, reconstruction, and renovation, and acquisition of
3 all lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises,
4 easements, and interests acquired or to be acquired by the county;

5 (ii) All machinery and equipment including machinery and
6 equipment needed to expand or enhance county services to the special taxing district;

7 (iii) Financing charges and interest prior to and during
8 construction, and, if deemed advisable by the county, for a limited period after
9 completion of the construction, interest and reserves for principal and interest,
10 including costs of municipal bond insurance and any other type of financial guaranty
11 and costs of issuance;

12 (iv) Extensions, enlargements, additions, and improvements;

13 (v) Architectural, engineering, financial, and legal services;

14 (vi) Plans, specifications, studies, surveys, and estimates of cost and
15 of revenues;

16 (vii) Administrative expenses necessary or incident to determining
17 to proceed with the infrastructure improvements; and

18 (viii) Other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the
19 construction, acquisition, and financing of the infrastructure improvements.

20 (b) This section applies only to Anne Arundel County, Calvert County, Charles
21 County, Garrett County, Howard County, Prince George's County, ST. MARY'S COUNTY,
22 Washington County, and Wicomico County.

23 (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, and for the purpose stated in
24 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the county may:

25 (i) Create a special taxing district;

26 (ii) Levy ad valorem or special taxes; and

27 (iii) Issue bonds and other obligations.

28 (2) The purpose of the authority granted under paragraph (1) of this
29 subsection is to provide financing, refinancing, or reimbursement for the cost of the
30 design, construction, establishment, extension, alteration, or acquisition of adequate
31 storm drainage systems, sewers, water systems, roads, bridges, culverts, tunnels,
32 streets, sidewalks, lighting, parking, parks and recreation facilities, libraries, schools,
33 transit facilities, solid waste facilities, and other infrastructure improvements as
34 necessary, whether situated within the special taxing district or outside the special
35 taxing district if the infrastructure improvement is reasonably related to other
36 infrastructure improvements within the special taxing district, for the development

1 and utilization of the land, each with respect to any defined geographic region within
2 the county.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2006.