

# SENATE BILL 381

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Taxing Districts - Residential Property - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county from creating a special taxing district that  
4 includes residential property or modifying an existing special taxing district to  
5 include residential property; abolishing any special taxing district created by a  
6 county that, as of a certain date, includes residential property; defining certain  
7 terms; and generally relating to prohibiting certain special taxing districts that  
8 include residential property.

9 BY adding to

10 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

11 Section 9–1302

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

17 **9–1302.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
19 MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) “RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY” MEANS PROPERTY THAT, UNDER  
21 THE APPLICABLE ZONING LAW, IS DESIGNATED FOR:

22 (I) **RESIDENTIAL USE; OR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) MULTIPLE USES, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL USE.**

2                   **(3) "SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT" MEANS A SEPARATE ENTITY**  
3 **CREATED BY A COUNTY THAT IS EMPOWERED TO LEVY TAXES OR IMPOSE FEES**  
4 **WITHIN A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE NOT**  
5 **BEING SUPPLIED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.**

6                   **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A COUNTY MAY NOT:**

7                   **(1) CREATE A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES**  
8 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; OR**

9                   **(2) MODIFY AN EXISTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE**  
10 **RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

11                   **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ANY SPECIAL TAXING**  
12 **DISTRICT THAT, AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2008, INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, IS**  
13 **ABOLISHED.**

14                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2008.