



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

January 15, 2025

Committee: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Bill: SB 204 – Property Tax – Deadline to Set County and Municipal Corporation Tax Rates – Alteration

Position: Support with Amendments

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 204 with one minor amendment. This legislation proposes to move the deadline by which counties and municipalities set their property rate from July 1 to June 1. MML understands the current situation that SDAT is seeking to remedy with SB 204, but our membership has expressed concerns about the practical ability to meet the proposed deadline.

While most budget adoptions processes should be concluded by June 1, that is not always the case. This is especially true for the 73 municipalities that have elections in May. It is common practice in these jurisdictions to allow the newly elected members to participate in the budget process, which can see deliberations bleed into June.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests an amendment to make the deadline June 15 and for the committee to issue a favorable report.

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