

# HOUSE BILL 1500

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Taxing Districts – Eastern Shore Code Counties – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a code county in the Eastern Shore class to establish certain  
4 special taxing districts, impose certain ad valorem or special taxes, and issue certain  
5 bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of certain infrastructure improvements;  
6 and generally relating to the authority of code counties in the Eastern Shore class to  
7 establish special taxing districts.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Local Government  
10 Section 21–502  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Local Government  
15 Section 21–503(a) and 21–504(a)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2013 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Local Government**

21 21–502.

22 (a) This subtitle applies only to:

23 **(1) A CODE COUNTY IN THE EASTERN SHORE CLASS;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**[(1)] (2)** Anne Arundel County;  
**[(2)] (3)** Baltimore County;  
**[(3)] (4)** Calvert County;  
**[(4)] (5)** Cecil County;  
**[(5)] (6)** Charles County;  
**[(6)] (7)** Garrett County;  
**[(7)] (8)** Harford County;  
**[(8)] (9)** Howard County;  
**[(9)] (10)** Prince George's County;  
**[(10)] (11)** St. Mary's County;  
**[(11)] (12)** Washington County; and  
**[(12)] (13)** Wicomico County.

(b) This subtitle is self-executing and does not require a county to enact legislation or, if applicable, to amend its charter to exercise the powers granted under this subtitle.

(c) The powers granted under this subtitle:

- (1) are supplemental to any power granted by another law; and
- (2) do not limit any other power.

(d) This subtitle is necessary for the welfare of the State and its residents and shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes stated in § 21–504(a) of this subtitle.  
21 21–503.

(a) For any purpose stated in § 21–504(a)(1) of this subtitle, a county may:

- (1) establish a special taxing district;
- (2) impose ad valorem or special taxes; and

(3) issue bonds.

21-504.

(a) The purpose of the authority granted under this subtitle is to:

(1) finance, refinance, or reimburse the cost of establishing, acquiring, designing, constructing, altering, or extending adequate infrastructure improvements as necessary for the development and use of land in any defined geographic region in the county, including storm drainage systems, sewers, water systems, roads, bridges, culverts, tunnels, sidewalks, lighting, parking, parks and recreation facilities, libraries, schools, transit facilities, and solid waste facilities; and

(2) provide a source of funding for payment of costs of:

(i) infrastructure improvements located in or supporting a transit-oriented development or a State hospital redevelopment; and

(ii) operating and maintaining infrastructure improvements located in or supporting a transit-oriented development or a State hospital redevelopment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2020.