

Chapter 445

(House Bill 1200)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Credit to Offset Increases in Local Income Tax Revenues – Eligibility

FOR the purpose of requiring a homeowner to have a certain application on file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation in order to be eligible for a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax to offset certain increases in local income tax revenues resulting from a certain county income tax rate; providing that any increase in county property tax revenue that results from this Act may not be counted toward a certain county limitation on county property tax revenue; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit to offset increases in local income tax revenues.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–221

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Tax – Property

9–221.

(a) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property in order to offset in whole or in part increases in the county or municipal corporation income tax revenues resulting from a county income tax rate in excess of 2.6%.

(b) The credit granted under this section is available only to the owner-occupied property of a homeowner as defined in § 9–105 of this title **IF THE HOMEOWNER HAS AN APPLICATION FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER § 9–105 OF THIS TITLE ON FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.**

(c) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may provide by law for:

- (1) the amount of a property tax credit under this section; and
- (2) any other provisions necessary to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any increase in county property tax revenue that results from this Act may not be counted toward any limit in that county's charter on the county's total property tax revenue.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, ~~2020~~ 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.