

# HOUSE BILL 1320

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By: **Delegate Boyce**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Property Taxes – Authority to Set Special Rates**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting Baltimore City from certain requirements relating to county  
4 property tax rates; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to set  
5 special property tax rates, under certain circumstances, for any class or subclass of  
6 real property that is subject to the county property tax; repealing certain obsolete  
7 provisions and obsolete references; providing for the application of this Act; and  
8 generally relating to special property tax rates for classes and subclasses of real  
9 property that are subject to the county property tax.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Tax – Property  
12 Section 6–302  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Tax – Property**

18 6–302.

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and after complying with § 6–305  
20 of this subtitle, in each year after the date of finality and before the following July 1, the  
21 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of each county annually  
22 shall set the tax rate for the next taxable year on all assessments of property subject to that  
23 county’s property tax.

24 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section[,] AND §§ 6–305 and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 6–306 of this subtitle [and § 6–203 of this title]:

2 (i) there shall be a single county property tax rate for all real  
3 property subject to county property tax except for operating real property described in §  
4 8–109(c) of this article; and

5 (ii) the county tax rate applicable to personal property and the  
6 operating real property described in § 8–109(c) of this article shall be no more than 2.5  
7 times the rate for real property.

8 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not affect a special rate prevailing  
9 in a taxing district or part of a county.

10 [(c) (1) Intangible personal property is subject to county property tax as  
11 otherwise provided in this title at a rate set annually, if:

12 (i) the intangible personal property has paid interest or dividends  
13 during the 12 months that precede the date of finality;

14 (ii) interest or dividends were withheld on the intangible personal  
15 property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality to avoid the tax under this  
16 subsection;

17 (iii) the intangible personal property consists of newly issued bonds,  
18 certificates of indebtedness, or evidences of debt on which interest is not in default; or

19 (iv) a stock dividend has been declared on the intangible personal  
20 property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality.

21 (2) The county tax rate for the intangible personal property is 30 cents for  
22 each \$100 of assessment.]

23 **(C) IF NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE MAYOR AND**  
24 **CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY SET SPECIAL RATES FOR ANY CLASS OR**  
25 **SUBCLASS OF REAL PROPERTY THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
27 1, 2021, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.