

HOUSE BILL 292

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Department of Assessments and Taxation – Local Reimbursement for**
3 **Administration Costs – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the schedule by which a county and Baltimore City must
5 reimburse the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the Department's
6 administrative costs; and generally relating to reimbursement payments to the State
7 Department of Assessments and Taxation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Tax – Property
10 Section 2–106
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Tax – Property**

16 2–106.

17 (a) Each county shall provide the supervisor of the county with an office in the
18 county seat or in Baltimore City, for the supervisor of Baltimore City. The Department is
19 responsible for providing each supervisor with clerical staff, equipment, and other facilities
20 and assistance that the Department considers necessary and as provided in the State
21 budget.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each county and Baltimore City shall be responsible for reimbursing the State for the costs of administering the Department as follows:

(i) 90% of the costs of real property valuation;

(ii) 90% of the costs of business personal property valuation; and

(iii) 90% of the costs of the Office of Information Technology within the Department, including any funding for departmental projects in the Major Information Technology Development Project Fund established under § 3.5–309 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2012 and 2013, each county and Baltimore City shall be responsible for reimbursing the State 90% instead of 50% of the costs of administering the Department described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) Costs under subsection (b) of this section shall be allocated among the counties and Baltimore City as follows:

(1) costs under subsection (b)(1)(i) and (iii) of this section will be allocated based on the number of real property accounts of a county or Baltimore City as a percentage of the total number of real property accounts statewide as of July 1 of the preceding fiscal year; and

(2) costs under subsection (b)(1)(ii) of this section will be allocated based on the business personal property assessable base of a county or Baltimore City as a percentage of the total business personal property assessable bases statewide as of July 1 of the preceding fiscal year.

(d) Each county and Baltimore City shall remit [a quarterly] payment to the Comptroller [for 25% of the jurisdiction's share of costs on the following dates] **AS FOLLOWS:**

(1) [July 1;

(2)] **50% OF THE JURISDICTION'S SHARE OF COSTS ON** October 1;

[(3)] (2) 25% OF THE JURISDICTION'S SHARE OF COSTS ON January 1;

and

[(4)] (3) 25% OF THE JURISDICTION'S SHARE OF COSTS ON April 1.

(e) The Comptroller may withhold a portion of a local income tax distribution of a county or Baltimore City that fails to make timely payment in accordance with this section.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2026.