for the referendum, but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.

## CHAPTER 191

## (House Bill 731)

AN ACT concerning

## Washington County - Tax Credit for Businesses That Create New Jobs

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "new permanent full-time position" for purposes of certain property tax and State tax credits granted to certain business entities that construct or expand certain new or expanded business premises under certain circumstances to make the definition apply in Washington County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain property tax and State tax credits granted to business entities that construct or expand certain new or expanded business premises.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-230(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9–230(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

## Article - Tax - Property

9-230.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) "Affiliate" means a person:
    - (i) that directly or indirectly owns at least 80% of a business entity;

or