

(3) If an individual does not elect membership during the applicable period specified under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the individual may not become a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 954 – *Baltimore City – General Powers – Special Tax Districts*.

This bill alters the purposes for which the proceeds shall be applied of specified bonds issued by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City under specified provisions of law and authorizes specified special tax districts for the improvement of specified areas in Baltimore City, to include buildings that are abandoned property or distressed property, or that will provide units of affordable housing.

Senate Bill 765, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 954.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 954

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – General Powers – Special Tax Districts

FOR the purpose of altering the purposes for which the proceeds shall be applied of certain bonds issued by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City under certain provisions authorizing certain special tax districts for the improvement of certain areas in Baltimore City; defining certain terms; making a technical change; and generally relating to special tax districts in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City

Section 21–17(a)

Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement and 2000 Supplement, as amended)