

COUNTY COUNCIL OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2008 , Legislative Day No. 3

Bill No. 2008 - 6

Introduced By: Council President William V. Nichols

By the County Council February 19, 2008

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AN ACT to increase the percent of assessment of electricity generating personal property subject to county property tax.

By adding

Dorchester County Code
Chapter 144, Taxation
Article XIV, Taxable Assessment of Utility Personal Property

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted on official bulletin board of County, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.

Ordered publication for once a week for two successive weeks, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, Room 110, County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland at 7:10p.m.

By order: Jane Baynard
Jane Baynard, County Manager

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1 **NOW THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS**
2 **OF ARTICLE 5 OF THE CHARTER OF DORCHESTER**
3 **COUNTY:**

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5 **SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE**
6 **COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND**
7 **that the Dorchester County Code be amended by adding Section XIV to**
8 **Chapter 144, to be entitled "Taxable Assessment of Utility Personal**
9 **Property"**

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11 **Chapter 144, Taxation, is amended by adding Section XIV:**

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13 **XIV. Taxable Assessment of Utility Personal Property**

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15 **§ 144-47: Statutory authorization**

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17 Pursuant to the authorization contained in § 7-514, Tax-Property Article,
18 Annotated Code of Maryland, Dorchester County may increase to not more
19 than 65%, by law, the percent of the assessment of any personal property
20 described in § 7-237, Tax-Property Article, subject to county property tax.

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22 **§ 144-48: Taxable assessment**

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24 (a) The assessment of personal property used by utilities regulated
25 by the Public Service Commission described in § 7-237, Tax-
26 Property Article is subject to the county property tax on:
27 (1) 65% of the assessment for the taxable year beginning
28 July 1, 2008;
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30 July 1, 2009;
31 (3) 55% of the assessment for the taxable year beginning
32 July 1, 2010;
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34 July 1, 2011 and each subsequent taxable year.

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36 **SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND**
37 **ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER**
38 **COUNTY, MARYLAND that General Code Publishers is directed to**
39 **codify new Article XIV of Chapter 144 in the Dorchester County Code**
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**SECTION THREE: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND
ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER
COUNTY, MARYLAND that this legislation shall take effect July 1,
2008.**

APPROVED this 4th day of March, 2008

ATTEST:

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF
DORCHESTER COUNTY:**

BY: Jane Baynard William V. Nichols
Jane Baynard, County Manager William V. Nichols, President

Nichols- aye
Newcomb- aye
Elzey- aye
Price-aye
Travers-aye

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