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CHAPTER 194

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County - Board of County Commissioners - Election and**  
3 **Number of Commissioners - Straw Poll**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain questions be placed on the ballot in Queen  
5 Anne's County at the November general election of 2000 to determine the sense  
6 of the voters of the County on whether to elect commissioners to the Board of  
7 County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County from any area of the county or  
8 from designated districts in the county and whether to alter the number of  
9 commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County;  
10 providing for the carrying out of the straw poll; and generally relating to the  
11 holding of a straw ballot in Queen Anne's County.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That, under the provisions of Article 33 - Election Code of the  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland, the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections, in  
15 consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot  
16 for the November general election of 2000 the following questions:

17 "Board of County Commissioners - Election of County Commissioners Who Reside  
18 in Designated Districts

19 Do you favor altering the method of election of commissioners to the Board of  
20 County Commissioners for Queen Anne's County from the current system where the  
21 voters of the entire county elect commissioners who reside in any area of Queen  
22 Anne's County to a system where the voters of the entire county elect commissioners  
23 who reside in designated districts in Queen Anne's County?"

1 "Board of County Commissioners - Number of Commissioners

2 Do you favor altering the number of commissioners of the Board of County  
3 Commissioners for Queen Anne's County from 3 commissioners to 5 commissioners?"

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Queen Anne's County  
5 Board of Elections and the Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners  
6 shall do those things necessary and proper to place each question on the ballot  
7 prepared for the November general election of 2000, so that each participating voter  
8 in the County may have the opportunity to cast a vote on each question. Each  
9 question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance  
10 with the provisions of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The vote on each  
11 question is advisory only.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 July 1, 2000.