

# HOUSE BILL 1344

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By: **Delegate Arentz**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne’s County – County Commissioners Election and Terms – Straw**  
3 **Ballot**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain questions be placed on the ballot in Queen Anne’s  
5 County at the November general election of 2016 to determine the sense of the voters  
6 of the County on the issues of the method of electing the members of the Board of  
7 County Commissioners and staggered terms for the members of the Board of County  
8 Commissioners; providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot; and generally  
9 relating to the holding of a straw ballot in Queen Anne’s County.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Queen Anne’s County Board of  
12 Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on  
13 the ballot for the November general election of 2016 the following questions:

14 “Queen Anne’s County Board of County Commissioners – Election of Members

15 Do you favor changing the method of selection of the members of the Queen Anne’s  
16 County Board of County Commissioners from the current method of four members being  
17 elected at large by the voters of Queen Anne’s County, with one member residing in each  
18 of the four election districts (except for the election of one member who may reside in any  
19 district of the County), to a method where each member is elected by only the voters of the  
20 district in which the member resides (except for the election of one member who may reside  
21 in any district of the County)?”

22 “Queen Anne’s County Board of County Commissioners – Staggered Terms

23 Do you favor staggering the terms of the members of the Queen Anne’s County Board  
24 of County Commissioners?”

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Queen Anne's County  
2 Board of Elections and the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall  
3 do those things necessary and proper to place these questions on the ballot prepared for the  
4 November general election of 2016, so that each participating voter in the County may have  
5 the opportunity to cast a vote on these questions. The questions shall be proposed,  
6 presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of the Election  
7 Law Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.

8           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2016.