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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County - Number of County Commissioners - Straw Ballot**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Caroline
4 County at the November general election of 1998 to determine the sense of the
5 voters of the County on the issue of increasing the size of the Board of County
6 Commissioners from three members to five members, to be elected by the voters
7 of the County at large from residence districts; providing for the carrying out of
8 the straw ballot; and generally relating to the holding of a straw ballot in
9 Caroline County.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That under the provisions of Article 33 - Election Code of the
12 Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Caroline
13 County, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include
14 on the ballot for the November general election of 1998 the following question:

15 "Do you favor an increase in the number of members of the Board of County
16 Commissioners of Caroline County from three to five, to be elected by the voters of the
17 County at large from three residence districts?"

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Supervisors
19 of Elections of Caroline County and the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline
20 County shall do those things necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot
21 prepared for the November general election of 1998, so that each participating voter
22 in the County may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The question
23 shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with the
24 provisions of Article 33 of the Annotated Code. The vote on this question is advisory
25 only.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 1998.