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1	AN ACT concerning
2	Somerset County - Consolidated <u>Public</u> High <u>Schools</u> <u>School</u> - Straw Poll
3 4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of requiring that <u>a</u> certain <u>questions</u> <u>question</u> be placed on the ballot in Somerset County at the November general election of 2000 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on whether to consolidate the high schools in Somerset County; providing for the carrying out of the straw poll; and generally relating to the holding of a straw ballot in Somerset County.
10 11	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, under the provisions of Article 33 - Election Code of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Somerset County Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2000 the following questions:
13	"Somerset County High Schools - Consolidation
14	Do you favor a proposal for a consolidated <u>public</u> high school?"
15	"Somerset County High Schools - No Consolidation
16	Are you against a proposal for a consolidated high school?"
19 20	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Somerset County Board of Elections and the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners shall do those things necessary and proper to place each this question on the ballot prepared for the November general election of 2000, so that each participating voter in the County may have the opportunity to cast a vote on each question "FOR" or "AGAINST"

- 1 <u>a consolidated public high school in the county</u>. Each question shall be proposed,
   2 presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of Article
- 3 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The vote on each question is advisory only.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 5 July 1, 2000.