By: **Delegates Haddaway and Eckardt** Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2004 Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2

Talbot County - Board of Education - Selection of Members - Straw Ballot

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Talbot County

4 at the November general election of 2004 to determine the sense of the voters of

5 the county on the issue of changing the method of selecting members of the

6 Talbot County Board of Education; providing for carrying out the straw ballot;

7 and generally relating to the holding of a straw ballot in Talbot County.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

9 MARYLAND, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article of the Annotated

10 Code of Maryland, the Board of Supervisors of Elections in Talbot County, in

11 consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot

12 for the November general election of 2004 the following question:

13 "Do you favor changing the method of selection of the members of the Talbot

14 County Board of Education from appointment by the Governor to election by the

15 voters of Talbot County?"

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Supervisors

17 of Elections of Talbot County and the Board of Commissioners of Talbot County shall

18 do the things necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot prepared for

19 the November general election of 2004, so that each participating voter in the county

20 may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The question shall be

21 proposed, presented, and tallied, and reported in general accordance with the

22 provisions of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The vote on 23 this question is advisory only.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 25 July 1, 2004.