

SENATE BILL 159

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Third Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Straw Ballot**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot at the November
4 2004 general election to determine the sense of the voters in the State on the
5 issue of funding and building a third Chesapeake Bay bridge crossing; providing
6 for carrying out the straw ballot; and generally relating to the holding of a straw
7 ballot at the November 2004 general election.

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 county boards of elections, in consultation with and at the
11 direction of the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot for
12 the November 2004 general election the following question for the voters of the State:

13 "Do you favor the construction of and commitment of State resources to fund a
14 third Chesapeake Bay bridge crossing?"

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the county boards of
16 elections, in consultation with and at the direction of the State Board of Elections,
17 shall do the things necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot prepared
18 for the November 2004 general election, so that each participating voter in the
19 counties of the State may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The
20 question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance
21 with the provisions of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
22 The vote on this question is advisory only.

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