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1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Talbot County - Board of Education - Selection of Members - Straw Ballot 37th District - Straw Ballots
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Talbot County at the November general election of 2004 to determine the sense of the voters of the county on the issue of changing the method of selecting members of the Talbot County Board of Education; providing for carrying out the straw ballot; requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Dorchester County at the November general election of 2004 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on the issue of locating video lottery terminals licensed by the State for commercial gaming purposes in Dorchester County; providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot; and generally relating to the holding of a straw ballot ballots in Talbot County the 37th District.
14 15	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:
18	(a) under <u>Under</u> the provisions of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of Supervisors of Elections in Talbot County, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2004 the following question:
	"Do you favor changing the method of selection of the members of the Talbot County Board of Education from appointment by the Governor to election by the voters of Talbot County?"

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the

- 1 (b) The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Talbot County and the Board of
- 2 Commissioners of Talbot County shall do the things necessary and proper to place
- 3 this question on the ballot prepared for the November general election of 2004, so that
- 4 each participating voter in the county may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the
- 5 question. The question shall be proposed, presented, and tallied, and reported in
- 6 general accordance with the provisions of the Election Law Article of the Annotated
- 7 Code of Maryland. The vote on this question is advisory only.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- 9 (a) Under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Dorchester County
- 10 Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare
- 11 and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2004 the following
- 12 question:
- 13 "Do you support locating video lottery terminals licensed by the State for
- 14 commercial gaming purposes in Dorchester County?"
- 15 (b) The Dorchester County Board of Elections and the County Council of
- 16 Dorchester County shall do those things necessary and proper to place this question
- 17 on the ballot prepared for the November general election of 2004, so that each
- 18 participating voter in the County may have the opportunity to cast a vote on the
- 19 question. The question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general
- 20 accordance with the provisions of the Election Law Article. The vote on this question
- 21 is advisory only.
- 22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 23 July 1, 2004.