

SENATE BILL 919

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County - Development Excise Tax - 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 2004 to determine the sense of the
5 voters in the county on the issue of altering the amount of a certain development
6 excise tax; providing for carrying out the straw ballot; and generally relating to
7 the holding of a straw ballot in Caroline 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 County Board of Elections in Caroline County, in consultation
11 with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot for the
12 November general election of 2004 the following question:

13 "Do you support increasing the development excise tax in Caroline County from
14 \$750 (per lot) up to a maximum of \$5,000 (per lot)?"

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