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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 933 (Senator Colburn)
Budget and Taxation

Dorchester County - Video Lottery Terminals - Straw Ballot

This bill requires the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Dorchester County to include a straw ballot question on the county's November 2004 general election ballot. The question will ask Dorchester County voters if they favor locating video lottery terminals (VLTs) licensed by the State for commercial gaming purposes in Dorchester County. The vote is advisory only.

The bill is effective July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Dorchester County could include the question on the county's November 2004 ballots with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: VLTs for commercial gaming purposes are not authorized anywhere in the State.

Background: For further discussion of VLTs and other gambling in Maryland, please consult the *Legislators' Guide to Video Lottery Terminal Gambling*.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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