
By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Video Lottery Terminals - Straw Ballot**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a question be placed on the ballot in Dorchester
4 County at the November general election of 2006 to determine the sense of the
5 voters of the county on the issue of locating video lottery terminals licensed by
6 the State for commercial gaming purposes in Dorchester County; providing for
7 the carrying out of the straw ballot; and generally relating to the holding of a
8 straw ballot in Dorchester County.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Dorchester
11 County Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall
12 prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2006 the
13 following question:

14 "Do you support locating video lottery terminals licensed by the State for
15 commercial gaming purposes in Dorchester County?"

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Dorchester County
17 Board of Elections and the County Council of Dorchester County shall do those things
18 necessary and proper to place this question on the ballot prepared for the November
19 general election of 2006, so that each participating voter in the county may have the
20 opportunity to cast a vote on the question. The question shall be proposed, presented,
21 tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of the Election Law
22 Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2005.