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Senate Bill 526

(Senator Colburn)

Budget and Taxation

Dorchester County - Video Lottery Terminals - Straw Ballot

This bill requires the Dorchester County Board of Elections to include a straw ballot question on the November 2006 general election ballot. The question will ask Dorchester County voters if they support locating video lottery terminals (VLTs) licensed by the State for commercial gaming purposes in Dorchester County. The vote is advisory only.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The Dorchester County Board of Elections could include the question on the county's November 2006 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: SB 933 of 2004, a similar bill, was not reported from the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

Cross File: None.

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