

Chapter 509

(House Bill 1344)

AN ACT concerning

**Queen Anne's County – County Commissioners Election ~~and Terms~~
Method – Straw Ballot**

FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain ~~questions~~ question be placed on the ballot in Queen Anne's County at the November general election of 2016 to determine the sense of the voters of the County on the ~~issues~~ issue of the method of electing the members of the Board of County Commissioners ~~and staggered terms for the members of the Board of County Commissioners~~; providing for the carrying out of the straw ballot; and generally relating to the holding of a straw ballot in Queen Anne's County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That under the provisions of the Election Law Article, the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections, in consultation with the State Board of Elections, shall prepare and include on the ballot for the November general election of 2016 the following ~~questions~~ question:

“Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners – Election of Members

Do you favor changing the method of selection of ~~the four of the five~~ the four members of the Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners from the current method of ~~four members~~ being elected at large by the voters of Queen Anne's County, with one member residing in each of the four election districts ~~(except for the election of one member who may reside in any district of the County)~~, to a new method where each member of the four members is elected by only the voters of the district in which the member resides ~~(except for the election of one member who may reside in any district of the County)~~ and the fifth member is elected at large and may reside in any district of the County?”

~~“Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners – Staggered Terms~~

~~Do you favor staggering the terms of the members of the Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners?”~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections and the Board of County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall do those things necessary and proper to place ~~these questions~~ this question on the ballot prepared for the November general election of 2016, so that each participating voter in the County may have the opportunity to cast a vote on ~~these questions~~ this question. The ~~questions~~ question shall be proposed, presented, tallied, and reported in general accordance with the provisions of the Election Law Article. The vote on this question is advisory only.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.