

HOUSE BILL 1344

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By: **Delegate Arentz**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

15 "Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners – Election of Members

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~for the election of one member who may reside in any district of the County) and the fifth~~
2 member is elected at large and may reside in any district of the County?"

3 ~~“Queen Anne’s County Board of County Commissioners — Staggered Terms~~

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

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

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.