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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1531
Ways and Means

(Delegate O'Donnell)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Election Law - Prince George's County Republican Party Central Committee -
Membership**

This bill allows members of the Prince George's County Republican Party Central Committee to run at large to fill historically vacant seats. An existing requirement that the number of members of the central committee consist of two members from each of the eight legislative districts lying within Prince George's County must be complied with only to the extent practicable.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect Prince George's County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, members of the Republican Party Central Committee may not run at large and must be elected from within legislative districts of the county or that portion of any legislative district lying within the county. The number of members of the central committee must consist of two members from each of the eight legislative districts lying within the county.

Background: Each political party must have a State central committee, which is the governing body of the political party, and central committees may be formed for each

county. A State central committee may be composed of the members of the county central committees during their terms in office. The Democratic and Republican parties each have a State central committee (consisting of the members of the county central committees) and 24 county central committees. The county central committees of the Democratic and Republican parties are elected during the gubernatorial primary.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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