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House Bill 1524
Ways and Means

(Baltimore County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Election Law - Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee -
Membership**

This bill alters provisions that define the membership of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee based on legislative districts.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill will not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee consists of:

- 20 members, 5 from each district, elected from legislative districts 6, 8, 10, and 11, each located wholly within the county;
- 4 members elected from legislative district 44B, located wholly within the county;
- 4 members elected from the part of legislative district 7 that is located in the county;

- 4 members elected from the part of legislative district 12 that is located in the county; and
- 5 members, of which 2 must be from delegate district 42A and 3 must be from delegate district 42B, elected from legislative district 42, located wholly within the county.

Current Law: The Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee consists of:

- 25 members, 5 from each district, elected from legislative districts 6, 8, 10, 11, and 42, each located wholly within the county;
- 2 members elected from the part of legislative district 5 that is located in the county;
- 4 members elected from the part of legislative district 7 that is located in the county; and
- 4 members elected from the part of legislative district 12 that is located in the county.

Background: The most recent legislative districting plan was adopted under Joint Resolutions 1 and 2 of 2012 (SJ 1/HJ 1). Under the prior legislative districting plan, the legislative districts within Baltimore County were: 6, 8, 10, 11, and 42 (each wholly within the county), and 5, 7, and 12 (each partially within the county). Under the legislative districting plan adopted under Joint Resolutions 1 and 2 of 2012, the legislative districts within the county are: 6, 8, 10, 11, and 42 (each wholly within the county, with legislative district 42 including delegate districts 42A and 42B), and 7, 12, and 44 (each partially within the county, but with delegate district 44B located wholly within the county).

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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