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House Bill 1343

(Delegate Kipke)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County – Party Central Committees – Republican Requirements

This bill alters the manner in which members of the Anne Arundel County Republican Party Central Committee are elected. Under the bill, three members are elected from each councilmanic district of the county and one member is elected from the county at large, instead of three members being elected from each legislative district wholly within the county and one member being elected from any legislative district partially within the county.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each political party must have a State central committee that is the governing body of the political party and may be composed of the members of the central committees of the counties during their terms in office. A principal political party must elect the members of a county central committee at a primary election. Except as otherwise provided under county-specific provisions for certain counties (including Anne Arundel County), the central committee for a county must consist of the number of members determined by the party's constitution.

In Anne Arundel County, the members of the Democratic and Republican Party Central Committees for the county are elected in the following manner:

- three members are elected from each legislative district wholly contained within the county; and
- one member is elected from the portion within the county of any legislative district that is partially contained within the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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