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By: **Senator Miller**

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CHAPTER 192

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Democratic Party Central Committee -**
3 **Composition**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Prince George's County
5 Democratic Party Central Committee; providing for the termination of certain
6 provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this
7 Act; and generally relating to the composition of the Prince George's County
8 Democratic Party Central Committee.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 33 - Election Code
11 Section 4-203(g)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article - Election Law
16 Section 4-203(g)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article 33 - Election Code**

2 4-203.

3 (g) (1) (i) In Prince George's County, members of the Republican Party
4 Central Committee:

5 1. May not run at large; and

6 2. Shall be elected from within legislative districts of Prince
7 George's County or within that portion of any legislative district lying within Prince
8 George's County.9 (ii) The number of members of the Republican Party Central
10 Committee shall consist of:11 1. Two members from each legislative district that is wholly
12 within Prince George's County; and13 2. One member from that portion of each legislative district
14 that is partially within Prince George's County.15 (2) (i) In Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central
16 Committee consists of [21] 23 members.17 (ii) 1. Two members shall reside in and be elected by the eligible
18 voters of each of the [seven] EIGHT legislative districts [in which a majority of the
19 voters reside] LYING within Prince George's County.20 2. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL RESIDE IN EACH SINGLE
21 MEMBER OR 2 MEMBER DELEGATE DISTRICT OF ANY DISTRICT IN WHICH THERE ARE
22 SUCH DISTRICTS.23 (iii) [One member shall reside in and be elected by the eligible
24 voters of the Prince George's County portion of the legislative district in which a
25 minority of the voters reside within Prince George's County.26 (iv)] In addition to the members of the committee elected from
27 legislative districts, [six] SEVEN members of the committee shall be elected by all the
28 eligible voters in the County. At the time of election, each such member shall reside in
29 a different one of the [six] SEVEN legislative districts [that lies wholly] within
30 Prince George's County IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF VOTERS RESIDE.31 [(v)] (IV) A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central
32 Committee shall declare at the time of filing for candidacy which seat on the Central
33 Committee the candidate is seeking.34 [(vi)] (V) If a member who was elected from a specific legislative
35 district ceases to reside in that district, the member may not continue to serve on the
36 Central Committee.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - Election Law**

4 4-203.

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6 Central Committee:

7 1. May not run at large; and

8 2. Shall be elected from within legislative districts of Prince
9 George's County or within that portion of any legislative district lying within Prince
10 George's County.

11 (ii) The number of members of the Republican Party Central
12 Committee shall consist of:

13 1. Two members from each legislative district that is wholly
14 within Prince George's County; and

15 2. One member from that portion of each legislative district
16 that is partially within Prince George's County.

17 (2) (i) In Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central
18 Committee consists of [21] 23 members.

19 (ii) 1. Two members shall reside in and be elected by the eligible
20 voters of each of the [seven] EIGHT legislative districts [in which a majority of the
21 voters reside] LYING within Prince George's County.

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23 MEMBER OR 2 MEMBER DELEGATE DISTRICT OF ANY DISTRICT IN WHICH THERE ARE
24 SUCH DISTRICTS.

25 (iii) [One member shall reside in and be elected by the eligible
26 voters of the Prince George's County portion of the legislative district in which a
27 minority of the voters reside within Prince George's County.

28 (iv) In addition to the members of the committee elected from
29 legislative districts, [six] SEVEN members of the committee shall be elected by all the
30 eligible voters in the County, and at the time of election, each member shall reside in
31 a different one of the [six] SEVEN legislative districts [that lies wholly] within
32 Prince George's County IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF VOTERS RESIDE.

33 [(v)] (IV) A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central
34 Committee shall declare at the time of filing for candidacy which seat on the Central
35 Committee the candidate is seeking.

1 [(vi)] (V) If a member who was elected from a specific legislative
2 district ceases to reside in that district, the member may not continue to serve on the
3 Central Committee.

4 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act~~
5 ~~shall take effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of~~
6 ~~Section 2 of this Act. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be~~
7 ~~abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
9 take effect on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General
10 Assembly of 2002. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the
13 provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~January 1, 2003~~ June 1,
14 2002.