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CHAPTER 276

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Democratic Party Central Committee - Composition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic
4 Party Central Committee; providing for the termination of certain provisions of
5 this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this Act;
6 providing that the provisions of this Act are contingent on the Legislative
7 Districting Plan of 2002 that took effect on February 22, 2002 remaining
8 unchanged with respect to the legislative districts lying in whole or in part in
9 Baltimore County as a result of an order issued by a court in any lawsuit filed
10 challenging the constitutionality or legality of the Plan; providing for the
11 number and method of electing the members of the Baltimore County
12 Democratic Party Central Committee under certain circumstances; and
13 generally relating to the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic Party
14 Central Committee.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article 33 - Election Code
17 Section 4-203(c)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article - Election Law
22 Section 4-203(c)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (As enacted by Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of

1 2002)

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

4 **Article 33 - Election Code**

5 4-203.

6 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, in
7 Baltimore County, members of the party central committees may not run at large.

8 (2) The Republican Party Central Committee shall consist of:

9 (i) Four members elected from each councilmanic district in the
10 county; and

11 (ii) A chairman elected from the county at large.

12 (3) For the Democratic Party Central Committee:

13 (i) ~~Fifteen~~ TWENTY members, five from each district, shall be
14 elected from legislative districts ~~7, 9, 6~~, 10, and 11, each district being located wholly
15 within Baltimore County;

16 (ii) Five members shall be elected from that part of legislative
17 district ~~6~~ 7 that is located in Baltimore County;

18 (iii) Five members shall be elected from that part of legislative
19 district 8 that is located in Baltimore County;

20 (iv) ~~Four~~ FIVE members shall be elected from that part of
21 legislative district ~~10~~ 5 that is located in Baltimore County;

22 (v) Three members shall be elected from that part of legislative
23 district 12 that is located in Baltimore County;

24 (VI) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THAT PART OF
25 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 31 THAT IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY;

26 [(vi)] (VII) Two members shall be elected from that part of
27 legislative district 42 that is located in Baltimore County;

28 (VIII) TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THAT PART OF
29 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 43 THAT IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY;

30 (IX) TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THAT PART OF
31 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44 THAT IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

32 [(vii)] (X) [One member] TWO MEMBERS shall be elected from that
33 part of legislative district 46 that is located in Baltimore County; and

1 (viii) Two members shall be elected from that part of legislative
2 district 47 that is located in Baltimore County].

3 (4) Only individuals affiliated with the Democratic Party and who are
4 registered to vote in Baltimore County may vote for the election of members to the
5 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee under this section.

6 (5) The number of Democratic Party Central Committee members to be
7 elected from each legislative district, or portion of legislative district, in Baltimore
8 County shall be determined upon completion of each legislative districting.

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

11 **Article - Election Law**

12 4-203.

13 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, in
14 Baltimore County, members of the party central committees may not run at large.

15 (2) The Republican Party Central Committee shall consist of:

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17 county; and

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10 registered to vote in Baltimore County may vote for the election of members to the
11 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee under this section.

12 (5) The number of Democratic Party Central Committee members to be
13 elected from each legislative district, or portion of legislative district, in Baltimore
14 County shall be determined upon completion of each legislative districting.

15 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall~~
16 ~~take effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of Section~~
17 ~~2 of this Act. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be~~
18 ~~abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

19 ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions~~
20 ~~of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.~~

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

22 (a) The provisions of Section 1 and Section 2 of this Act are contingent on the
23 Legislative Districting Plan of 2002 that took effect on February 22, 2002 remaining
24 unchanged with respect to the legislative districts lying in whole or in part in
25 Baltimore County as a result of an order issued by a court in any lawsuit filed
26 challenging the constitutionality or legality of the Legislative Districting Plan of
27 2002.

28 (b) If a ruling by a court in a lawsuit described in subsection (a) of this Section
29 results in changes to the Legislative Districting Plan of 2002 with respect to the
30 legislative districts lying in whole or in part in Baltimore County, then Sections 1 and
31 2 of this Act are null and void without the necessity of further action by the General
32 Assembly.

33 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if, by June 30, 2002, a
34 court has issued an order that alters the Legislative Districting Plan of 2002 with
35 respect to legislative districts lying in whole or in part in Baltimore County, then the
36 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee shall consist of five members
37 elected from each councilmanic district in Baltimore County.

1 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
2 of Sections 3 and 4 of this Act, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003,
3 contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General
4 Assembly of 2002. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be
5 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

6 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
7 of Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.