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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1513 (Harford County Delegation)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Harford County Republican Central Committee - Membership

This emergency bill alters the membership of the Harford County Republican Party Central Committee so that, in addition to the number of members on the committee determined by the party's constitution, the Republican Party members of the House of Delegates elected from legislative districts located in whole or in part in Harford County serve as *ex officio* members. The House of Delegates *ex officio* members of the committee may vote to fill a vacancy on the committee or on the removal of a member from the committee but may not vote on any other matter before the committee. The bill also prohibits any members of the committee other than the House of Delegates *ex officio* members from holding any other elected office in Harford County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not affect Harford County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: 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.

Unless otherwise specified in statute, the central committee for a county consists of the number of members determined by the party's constitution. The membership of the Harford County Republican Party Central Committee is not specified in statute.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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