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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 895 (The Minority Leader)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Election Law - Baltimore City Republican Party Central Committee - Filling of Vacancies

This bill allows for an individual who resides anywhere in Baltimore City to be appointed to fill a vacancy of a member of the Baltimore City Republican Party Central Committee.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not affect Baltimore City finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The members of the Baltimore City Republican Party Central Committee are elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore City. Two members are elected from each councilmanic district.

An individual selected to fill a vacancy in a party central committee must be a resident of the county in which the central committee is located. An individual selected to fill a vacancy of a member elected from a specific legislative district in a party central committee must be a resident of that legislative district.

Background: 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: HB 1479 (Delegate Frank, *et al.*) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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