

HOUSE BILL 761

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2017

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Democratic Party Central Committee – Membership –**
3 **Gender Requirements**

4 **MC 27–17**

5 FOR the purpose of altering provisions concerning the membership of the Montgomery
6 County Democratic Party Central Committee; requiring the central committee to be
7 composed of an equal number of female members and male members; requiring that
8 in the event of a vacancy on the central committee the vacancy be filled by an
9 individual of the same gender as the vacating member; and generally relating to
10 gender requirements and the membership of the Montgomery County Democratic
11 Party Central Committee.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Election Law
14 Section 4–203(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 4–203.

21 (f) (1) In Montgomery County, for the Democratic Party Central Committee:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) two members, **ONE FEMALE MEMBER AND ONE MALE**
2 **MEMBER**, are elected from each of the legislative districts that lie wholly within
3 Montgomery County;

4 (ii) **[one member is] TWO MEMBERS, ONE FEMALE MEMBER AND**
5 **ONE MALE MEMBER, ARE** elected from the Montgomery County part of each legislative
6 district that is partially within Montgomery County; and

7 (iii) members shall be elected at large equal to the number of
8 legislative districts that lie wholly within Montgomery County, except that:

9 1. not more than two members at large may reside in the
10 same legislative district;

11 2. **THE MEMBERS AT LARGE SHALL BE SPLIT EVENLY**
12 **BETWEEN FEMALE MEMBERS AND MALE MEMBERS; AND**

13 3. **IF THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS FOR THE**
14 **ELECTION OF AT LARGE MEMBERS IS AN ODD NUMBER, ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER**
15 **SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE SO THAT THE NUMBER OF AT LARGE MEMBERS IS**
16 **SPLIT EVENLY BETWEEN FEMALE MEMBERS AND MALE MEMBERS.**

17 (2) (I) Any vacancy in a seat on the Democratic Party Central
18 Committee held initially by a member elected from a legislative district shall be filled by a
19 person residing in that district.

20 (II) **ANY VACANCY IN A SEAT ON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY**
21 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE FILLED BY A PERSON OF THE SAME GENDER AS THE**
22 **VACATING MEMBER.**

23 (3) Any reference to the Democratic Party Central Committee for
24 Montgomery County or any portion of it means the entire membership of the Montgomery
25 County Democratic Party Central Committee, and in no event do the members of the
26 Central Committee elected from a district comprise a separate central committee.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2017.