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HB 137

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SPONSOR: Montgomery County Delegation

ASSIGNED TO: Ways and Means

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POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Montgomery County – Elections – Early Voting Centers MC 19-20

House Bill 137 increases – from 11 to 12 – the number of early voting centers that Montgomery County is required to establish. A separate provision of current law – that is not changed by the bill – would allow the County to establish an additional early voting center (i.e., 13th center) if the State Board, in collaboration with the local board and the governing body of the County (i.e., the County Executive and County Council) authorize the establishment of an additional early voting center. The bill is an emergency measure that would take effect upon signature by the Governor and includes language that expressly provides that it applies to the 2020 election cycle.

The bill was amended in the Montgomery County House Delegation to require that the 12th early voting center in the 2020 election cycle be located at the White Oak Community Recreation Center or, if the center is not available, at another facility that serves the White Oak community.

Montgomery County supports this bill.