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By: **Delegates D. Murphy, Klima, Holt, Kach, and Redmer**

Introduced and read first time: March 5, 1998

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of electing the Republican Party Central  
4 Committee in Baltimore County; providing for election from the County Council  
5 districts of the County; and generally relating to the Republican Party Central  
6 Committee in Baltimore County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 11-2(g)(1)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

12 BY repealing  
13 Article 33 - Election Code  
14 Section 11-2(g)(2)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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17 BY adding to  
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15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article 33 - Election Code**

18 11-2.

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22 central committee shall be elected from the legislative districts of Baltimore County

23 as follows:

24 1. Three members shall be elected from any legislative

25 district which comprises 66% or more of its population within Baltimore County;

26 2. Two members shall be elected from any district which

27 comprises more than 33% but less than 66% of its population within Baltimore

28 County;

29 3. One member shall be elected from any legislative district

30 which comprises 33% or less of its population within Baltimore County; and

31 4. In any legislative district that is divided into delegate

32 districts and the delegate districts are located entirely within Baltimore County:

33 A. One member shall be elected from a single member

34 delegate district; and

35 B. Two members shall be elected from a two member delegate

36 district.

1 (ii) The Chairman shall be elected at large.

2 (iii) 1. The number of Republican central committee members to  
3 be elected from each legislative district and each delegate district shall be determined  
4 upon completion of each legislative districting.

5 2. The percentage of Baltimore County's population of a  
6 legislative district shall be determined by the most recent United States census.]

7 (2) THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF:

8 (I) THREE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM EACH COUNTY COUNCIL  
9 DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY; AND

10 (II) A CHAIRMAN ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT LARGE.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
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10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
11 take effect June 1, 1998.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
13 take effect January 1, 1999.