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By: **Senator Harris**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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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 4-203(c)(1)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 BY repealing  
13 Article 33 - Election Code  
14 Section 4-203(c)(2)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article 33 - Election Code  
19 Section 4-203(c)(2)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

24 **Article 33 - Election Code**

25 4-203.

26 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph [(2)(i)] (2)(II) of this subsection, in  
27 Baltimore County, members of the party central committees may not run at large.

1                   [(2)   (i)    Except for the Chairman, the members of the Republican Party  
2 Central Committee shall be elected from the legislative districts of Baltimore County  
3 as follows:

4                                   1.       Three members shall be elected from any legislative  
5 district that comprises 66% or more of its population within Baltimore County;

6                                   2.       Two members shall be elected from any district which  
7 comprises more than 33% but less than 66% of its population within Baltimore  
8 County;

9                                   3.       One member shall be elected from any legislative district  
10 which comprises 33% or less of its population within Baltimore County; and

11                                  4.       In any legislative district that is divided into delegate  
12 districts and the delegate districts are located entirely within Baltimore County:

13                                   A.       One member shall be elected from a single member  
14 delegate district; and

15                                   B.       Two members shall be elected from a two member delegate  
16 district.

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

18                                  (iii)    1.       The number of Republican Party Central Committee  
19 members to be elected from each legislative district and each delegate district shall be  
20 determined upon completion of each legislative districting.

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

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

24                                  (I)       FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED FROM EACH COUNCILMANIC  
25 DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY; AND

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

27       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2001.