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By: **Senator Miller**

Introduced and read first time: March 4, 2002

Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Democratic Party Central Committee -**  
3 **Composition**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Prince George's County  
5 Democratic Party Central Committee; providing for the termination of certain  
6 provisions of this Act; providing for the effective date of certain provisions of this  
7 Act; and generally relating to the composition of the Prince George's County  
8 Democratic Party Central Committee.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 33 - Election Code  
11 Section 4-203(g)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Election Law  
16 Section 4-203(g)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

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

21 **Article 33 - Election Code**

22 4-203.

23 (g) (1) (i) In Prince George's County, members of the Republican Party  
24 Central Committee:

25 1. May not run at large; and

1                                 2.       Shall be elected from within legislative districts of Prince  
2 George's County or within that portion of any legislative district lying within Prince  
3 George's County.

4                                 (ii)      The number of members of the Republican Party Central  
5 Committee shall consist of:

6                                 1.       Two members from each legislative district that is wholly  
7 within Prince George's County; and

8                                 2.       One member from that portion of each legislative district  
9 that is partially within Prince George's County.

10                              (2)      (i)      In Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central  
11 Committee consists of [21] 23 members.

12                              (ii)      1.       Two members shall reside in and be elected by the eligible  
13 voters of each of the [seven] EIGHT legislative districts [in which a majority of the  
14 voters reside] LYING within Prince George's County.

15                              2.       AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL RESIDE IN EACH SINGLE  
16 MEMBER OR 2 MEMBER DELEGATE DISTRICT OF ANY DISTRICT IN WHICH THERE ARE  
17 SUCH DISTRICTS.

18                              (iii)     [One member shall reside in and be elected by the eligible  
19 voters of the Prince George's County portion of the legislative district in which a  
20 minority of the voters reside within Prince George's County.

21                              (iv)]     In addition to the members of the committee elected from  
22 legislative districts, [six] SEVEN members of the committee shall be elected by all the  
23 eligible voters in the County. At the time of election, each such member shall reside in  
24 a different one of the [six] SEVEN legislative districts [that lies wholly] within  
25 Prince George's County IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF VOTERS RESIDE.

26                              [(v)]    (IV)     A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central  
27 Committee shall declare at the time of filing for candidacy which seat on the Central  
28 Committee the candidate is seeking.

29                              [(vi)]   (V)      If a member who was elected from a specific legislative  
30 district ceases to reside in that district, the member may not continue to serve on the  
31 Central Committee.

32       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
33 read as follows:

**Article - Election Law**

1 4-203.

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3 Central Committee:

4 1. May not run at large; and

5 2. Shall be elected from within legislative districts of Prince  
6 George's County or within that portion of any legislative district lying within Prince  
7 George's County.

8 (ii) The number of members of the Republican Party Central  
9 Committee shall consist of:

10 1. Two members from each legislative district that is wholly  
11 within Prince George's County; and

12 2. One member from that portion of each legislative district  
13 that is partially within Prince George's County.

14 (2) (i) In Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central  
15 Committee consists of [21] 23 members.

16 (ii) 1. Two members shall reside in and be elected by the eligible  
17 voters of each of the [seven] EIGHT legislative districts [in which a majority of the  
18 voters reside] LYING within Prince George's County.

19 2. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER SHALL RESIDE IN EACH SINGLE  
20 MEMBER OR 2 MEMBER DELEGATE DISTRICT OF ANY DISTRICT IN WHICH THERE ARE  
21 SUCH DISTRICTS.

22 (iii) [One member shall reside in and be elected by the eligible  
23 voters of the Prince George's County portion of the legislative district in which a  
24 minority of the voters reside within Prince George's County.

25 (iv) In addition to the members of the committee elected from  
26 legislative districts, [six] SEVEN members of the committee shall be elected by all the  
27 eligible voters in the County, and at the time of election, each member shall reside in  
28 a different one of the [six] SEVEN legislative districts [that lies wholly] within  
29 Prince George's County IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF VOTERS RESIDE.

30 [(v)] (IV) A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central  
31 Committee shall declare at the time of filing for candidacy which seat on the Central  
32 Committee the candidate is seeking.

33 [(vi)] (V) If a member who was elected from a specific legislative  
34 district ceases to reside in that district, the member may not continue to serve on the  
35 Central Committee.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act  
2 shall take effect October 1, 2002. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of  
3 Section 2 of this Act. If Section 2 of this Act takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be  
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

5 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the  
6 provisions of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect January 1, 2003.