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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Democratic Party Central Committee - Composition and**  
3 **Election**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic  
5 Party Central Committee; determining the next election for members of the  
6 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee; clarifying the term of  
7 office for certain members of the Baltimore County Democratic Party Central  
8 Committee; and generally relating to the composition and election of the  
9 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Election Law  
12 Section 4-203(c)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2003 Volume)

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

17 **Article - Election Law**

18 4-203.

19 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, in  
20 Baltimore County, members of the party central committees may not run at large.

21 (2) The Republican Party Central Committee shall consist of:

22 (i) four members elected from each councilmanic district in the  
23 county; and

24 (ii) a chairman elected from the county at large.

1           (3)     [The] FOR THE Baltimore County Democratic Party Central  
2 Committee [shall consist of five members elected from each councilmanic district in  
3 Baltimore County]:

4           (I)     TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS, FIVE FROM EACH DISTRICT, SHALL  
5 BE ELECTED FROM LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS 6, 8, 10, 11, AND 42, EACH DISTRICT BEING  
6 LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN BALTIMORE COUNTY;

7           (II)    TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM LEGISLATIVE  
8 DISTRICT 5 LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN BALTIMORE COUNTY;

9           (III)   FOUR MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THAT PART OF  
10 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 7 THAT IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY; AND

11          (IV)    THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THAT PART OF  
12 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12 THAT IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.

13          (4)     Only individuals affiliated with the Democratic Party and who are  
14 registered to vote in Baltimore County may vote for the election of members to the  
15 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee under this section.

16          (5)     THE NUMBER OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
17 MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, OR PORTION OF  
18 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, IN BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL BE DETERMINED UPON  
19 COMPLETION OF EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING.

20   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the next election for the  
21 Baltimore County Democratic Party Central Committee members will be in 2006 on  
22 the same day the primary election for the Governor is held. Members elected at this  
23 time will serve 4-year terms. The members of the Baltimore County Democratic  
24 Party Central Committee who were elected in 2002 shall complete their term that  
25 expires in 2006.

26   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2003.