

**SB 260**

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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 260

(Senator Stone, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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

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This bill changes the method of determining the composition of the Baltimore County Democratic Central Committee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's changes could be handled by the State Board of Elections using existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** The bill's requirements can be implemented with existing budgeted resources of the local election board.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The bill provides that five members each will be elected from State legislative districts 6, 8, 10, 11, and 42. The following districts, located partially in Baltimore County, will elect members as follows: two members from district 5, four members from district 7, and four members from district 12.

**Current Law:** Five members each are elected from Baltimore County's seven councilmatic districts. Chapter 276 of 2002 provided for a 41-member central committee with members elected from State legislative districts that went into effect on February 22, 2002 pursuant to Article III of the State constitution. However, the Maryland Court of

Appeals invalidated Chapter 276 and ordered State legislative districts be redrawn. Current legislative districts were approved by the court on June 21, 2002. The action by the court triggered a provision in Chapter 276 that required committee members to be elected from county councilmatic districts in the event that legislative boundaries were changed by a State or federal court.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 350 (Delegate Minnick, *et al.*) –Ways and Means.

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