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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Prince George's County Democratic Party Central
5 Committee to increase its size by adding certain members selected by the Prince
6 George's County Young Democrats; making technical corrections; making this
7 Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Prince George's
8 County Democratic Party Central Committee.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Election Law
11 Section 4-203(g)(2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 4-203.

18 (g) (2) (i) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) OF THIS
19 PARAGRAPH, IN Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central Committee
20 consists of 23 members.

21 (ii) 1. Two members shall reside in and be elected by the eligible
22 voters of each of the eight legislative districts lying within Prince George's County.

23 2. At least one member shall reside in each [single member
24 or 2 member] SINGLE-MEMBER OR TWO-MEMBER delegate district of any district in
25 which there are such districts.

26 (iii) In addition to the members of the committee elected from
27 legislative districts, seven members of the committee shall be elected by all the
28 eligible voters in the county, and at the time of election, each member shall reside in

1 a different one of the seven legislative districts within Prince George's County in
2 which a majority of voters reside.

3 (iv) A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central
4 Committee shall declare at the time of filing for candidacy which seat on the Central
5 Committee the candidate is seeking.

6 (v) If a member who was elected from a specific legislative district
7 ceases to reside in that district, the member may not continue to serve on the Central
8 Committee.

9 (VI) THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MAY
10 INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP TO 26 BY ADDING TWO MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE
11 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
13 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
14 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
15 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
16 the date it is enacted.