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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Lawlah and Exum**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 altering the size of the Prince George's~~  
7 ~~County Democratic Party Central Committee~~; making technical corrections;  
8 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the Prince  
9 George's County Democratic Party Central Committee.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Election Law

12 Section 4-203(g)(2)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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 (g) (2) (i) ~~[In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) OF THIS~~  
20 ~~PARAGRAPH, IN~~ Prince George's County, the Democratic Party Central Committee  
21 consists of ~~23~~ 24 members.

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

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

6 (iii) In addition to the members of the committee elected from  
7 legislative districts, ~~seven~~ EIGHT members of the committee shall be elected by all the  
8 eligible voters in the county, and at the time of election, each member shall reside in  
9 a different one of the ~~seven~~ EIGHT legislative districts within Prince George's County  
10 ~~in which a majority of voters reside.~~

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

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

17 ~~(VI) THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MAY~~  
18 ~~INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP TO 26 BY ADDING TWO MEMBERS SELECTED BY THE~~  
19 ~~PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS.~~

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