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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 121 (Senator Schrader)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Prince George's County Republican Party Central Committee - Composition

This bill expands the membership of the Prince George's County Republican Party Central Committee from 14 to 16. Two members would be elected from each of the eight legislative districts lying within Prince George's County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The Prince George's County Board of Elections could implement the bill's requirements using existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A principal political party must elect members of a county central committee at a primary election. The Prince George's County Republican Central Committee comprises 14 members elected in each legislative district in the county. Two members are elected from each of the six legislative districts wholly within Prince George's County and one member is elected from each of the two districts partially within the county.

Background: Four counties and Baltimore City currently elect members of local Republican central committees by State legislative or local councilmanic districts. Nineteen counties have committees comprised of members elected at-large.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 924 of 2004, an identical bill, was passed by the Senate and received a hearing in the Ways and Means Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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