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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 146

(Senators Harris and McFadden)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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Election Law - Baltimore City Republican Party Central Committee -  
Membership

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This bill increases the membership of the Baltimore City Republican Party Central Committee from 24 to 28 by providing for 2 members from each of the 14 councilmanic districts in Baltimore City.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The Baltimore City Board of Elections could implement the bill's requirements using existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The Baltimore City Republican Central Committee originally comprised 24 members; 4 elected from each of 6 city councilmanic districts. In November 2002, city voters approved a referendum changing the number of councilmanic districts from 6 3-member districts to 14 single-member districts.

**Background:** A principal political party must elect members of a county central committee at a primary election. 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.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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