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By: **Delegates Bozman and Conway**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Worcester County Democratic Party Central Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying the membership of the Worcester County Democratic  
4 Party Central Committee; staggering the terms of the members of the Central  
5 Committee; and generally relating to the membership and terms of the  
6 Worcester County Democratic Party Central Committee.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article - Election Law  
9 Section 4-202(f)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article - Election Law  
14 Section 4-203(h)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Election Law**

20 4-202.

21 (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the tenure in  
22 office of a member of the central committee of any political party shall:

23 (i) begin at the time the results of that election are certified; and

24 (ii) continue to the extent of any extension in time between primary  
25 elections by reason of any change in the date of holding primary elections by a  
26 political party in the State.

1           (2)       The tenure in office of a member of the Republican Party Central  
2 Committee shall begin on the 14th day following the gubernatorial general election.

3           (3)       For purposes of this subsection, upon relinquishing residency in the  
4 county, a member of a party central committee shall be considered to have resigned.

5 4-203.

6       (H)       (1)       IN WORCESTER COUNTY, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL  
7 COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF 11 MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

8                   (I)       SEVEN MEMBERS WHO SHALL RESIDE IN AND BE ELECTED,  
9 RESPECTIVELY, BY THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF EACH OF THE SEVEN COUNTY  
10 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS; AND

11                   (II)       FOUR MEMBERS WHO SHALL RESIDE IN WORCESTER COUNTY,  
12 BE ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, AND  
13 RECEIVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR CANDIDATES IN THE AT LARGE  
14 ELECTION.

15           (2)       (I)       A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
16 CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL DECLARE AT THE TIME OF FILING A CERTIFICATE OF  
17 CANDIDACY WHICH SEAT THE CANDIDATE IS SEEKING.

18                   (II)       A MEMBER ELECTED TO REPRESENT A SPECIFIC COUNTY  
19 COMMISSIONER DISTRICT WHO CEASES TO RESIDE IN THAT DISTRICT MAY NOT  
20 CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

21           (3)       ANY VACANCY IN A SEAT ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD BY AN  
22 INDIVIDUAL ELECTED FROM A COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT SHALL BE FILLED  
23 BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESIDES IN THAT DISTRICT.

24       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to § 4-202(f) of  
25 the Election Law Article, the terms of the members of the Worcester County  
26 Democratic Party Central Committee elected under this Act shall expire as follows:

27           (1)       the term of the member elected at the November 2006 election from  
28 county commissioner district 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall expire after the November 2010  
29 election, and then expire each four years thereafter;

30           (2)       the term of the member elected at the November 2006 election from  
31 county commissioner district 2, 4, and 6 shall expire after the November 2008  
32 election, and then expire each four years thereafter; and

33           (3)       (i)       the term of each of the two members elected from the county at  
34 large at the November 2006 election who receive the highest and second highest  
35 number of votes cast at that election shall expire after the November 2010 election,  
36 and then expire each four years thereafter; and

1                   (ii)       the term of each of the two members elected from the county at  
2 large at the November 2006 election who receive the third and fourth highest number  
3 of votes cast at that election shall expire after the November 2008 election, and then  
4 expire each four years thereafter.

5       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 June 1, 2006.