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Senate Bill 720

(Senators Harris and Haines)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Election Law - Baltimore County Republican Central Committee

This bill alters the membership of the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee requiring that three members be elected from each of the eight legislative districts and one additional member be elected from each legislative district that elected a republican member of the General Assembly in the preceding election, in addition to a chairman elected at large. Currently, four members are elected from each of the seven councilmanic districts in the county, in addition to the chairman elected at large.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The Baltimore County Board of Elections could implement the bill's requirements using existing 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 composition of the Republican central committees for six counties and Baltimore City are statutorily specified, including that for Baltimore County. The committees in the remaining counties are composed according to each committee's constitution. With the exception of Baltimore County's Republican Central

Committee, in which the chairman is elected at large, local central committees select a chairman. Aside from the chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee, members of party central committees in Baltimore County may not run at large.

Background: The Baltimore County Republican Central Committee is comprised of 28 members elected from seven councilmanic districts, and a chairman elected at large. There are eight legislative districts in the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 944 (Delegate Kach, *et al.*) – Ways and Means.

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