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House Bill 1096
Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Prince George's County - Republican Party Central Committee and
Democratic Party Central Committee - Composition
PG 405-06**

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. The bill also expands the membership of the Prince George's County Democratic Party Central Committee from 23 to 24, increasing the number of members elected at large from 7 to 8.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

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.

The Prince George's County Democratic Party Central Committee is comprised of 23 members. Two members are elected by eligible voters in each of the eight legislative districts lying within Prince George's County. Of those members, at least one member must reside in each single-member or two-member delegate district in the county. Seven additional members are elected at large.

Background: Prince George's County contains eight legislative districts under Maryland's 2002 Legislative Districting Plan. Six of the legislative districts lie wholly within the county and one of those six districts is divided into a single-member subdistrict and a two-member subdistrict.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 121 of 2005, an identical bill, was passed by the Senate and received an unfavorable report by the Ways and Means Committee. SB 924 of 2004, also 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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