

HOUSE BILL 1002

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By: **Delegates Conway and Mathias**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 4–202(a) and (f) and 4–203(h)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

12 BY repealing
13 Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006
14 Section 2

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 4–202.

19 (a) (1) A principal political party shall elect the members of the county
20 central committee at a primary election.

21 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section or § 4–203 of this
22 subtitle, the central committee for a county shall consist of the number of members
23 determined by the party’s constitution.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

13 4-203.

14 (h) (1) In Worcester County, the Democratic Party Central Committee
15 consists of 11 members as follows:

16 (i) seven members who shall reside in and be elected,
17 respectively, by the eligible voters of each of the seven county commissioner districts;
18 and

19 (ii) four members who shall reside in Worcester County, be
20 elected at large by the eligible voters of the entire county, and receive the highest
21 number of votes cast for candidates in the at large election.

22 (2) (i) A candidate for election to the Democratic Party Central
23 Committee shall declare at the time of filing a certificate of candidacy which seat the
24 candidate is seeking.

25 (ii) A member elected to represent a specific county
26 commissioner district who ceases to reside in that district may not continue to serve on
27 the Central Committee.

28 (3) Any vacancy in a seat on the Central Committee held by an
29 individual elected from a county commissioner district shall be filled by an individual
30 who resides in that district.

31 **Chapter 570 of the Acts of 2006**

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

1 (1) the term of the member elected at the November 2006 election
2 from county commissioner district 1, 4, 6, and 7 shall expire after the November 2010
3 election, and then expire each four years thereafter;

4 (2) the term of the member elected at the November 2006 election
5 from county commissioner district 2, 3, and 5 shall expire after the November 2008
6 election, and then expire each four years thereafter; and

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

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

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 June 1, 2008.