

HOUSE BILL 856

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Montgomery County Delegation**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Montgomery County Republican and Democratic Party**
3 **Central ~~Committee~~ Committees – Membership**

4 **MC 15–10**

5 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law specifying the membership of
6 the Montgomery County Republican Party Central Committee; altering the
7 membership criteria for the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central
8 Committee; requiring certain Democratic Party Central Committee members to
9 be elected in a certain manner and limiting the number of members elected at
10 large that may reside in the same legislative district; making stylistic changes;
11 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the
12 membership of the Montgomery County Republican and Democratic Party
13 Central ~~Committee~~ committees.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 4–202(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 4–203(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

4–202.

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

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

4–203.

(f) (1) ~~In Montgomery County[;~~

~~(i) the Republican Party Central Committee consists of 19
members; and~~

~~(ii); the Democratic Party Central Committee consists of 23
members[;~~

~~(2) For~~ **IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, FOR** ~~each of those two party
central committees]~~ **ELECTED AS FOLLOWS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE:**

(i) two members are elected from each of the legislative
districts that lie wholly within Montgomery County;

(ii) one member is elected from the Montgomery County part of
each legislative district [which] **THAT** is partially within Montgomery County; and

1 (iii) ~~the remainder [shall be] ARE elected at large MEMBERS~~
2 SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE
3 DISTRICTS THAT LIE WHOLLY WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, EXCEPT THAT
4 NOT MORE THAN TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE MAY RESIDE IN THE SAME
5 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

6 [(3)] (2) Any vacancy in a seat on [a party central committee] **THE**
7 **DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE** held initially by a member elected
8 from a legislative district shall be filled by a person residing in that district.

9 [(4)] (3) Any reference to the Democratic Party Central Committee
10 for Montgomery County or any portion of it means the entire membership of the
11 Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee, and in no event do the
12 members of the Central Committee elected from a district comprise a separate central
13 committee.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to
15 the election for the members of the Montgomery County Republican and Democratic
16 Party Central ~~Committee~~ committees that is held at the primary election on
17 September 14, 2010.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.