

Chapter 443

(House Bill 856)

AN ACT concerning

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

MC 15–10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.