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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 859 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Ways and Means

**Election Law - Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee -
Membership Criteria
MC 13-10**

This bill amends the membership criteria of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee so that the committee consists of: (1) two members elected from each of the legislative districts wholly within the county; (2) one member elected from the Montgomery County part of each legislative district partially within the county; and (3) members elected at large equal to the number of legislative districts that lie wholly within the county. However, not more than two members at large may reside in the same legislative district.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010, and applies to the election of the members of the committee at the primary election on September 14, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$5,000 to modify the State Board of Elections' (SBE) election management system.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect Montgomery County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee consists of 23 members made up of: (1) two members elected from each of the legislative districts that lie wholly within Montgomery County; (2) one member elected from the Montgomery County part of each legislative district partially within the county; and (3) the remaining members elected at large.

Background: There are eight legislative districts in Montgomery County, all of which lie wholly within the county. As a result, 16 members of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee are currently elected by district and seven are elected at large.

State Fiscal Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$5,000 to modify SBE's election management system to ensure no more than two at large members reside in the same legislative district. This estimate is based on a vendor estimate provided to SBE.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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