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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 85

(Senators Jennings and Getty)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

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**Election Law - Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee - Election of Chairman**

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This bill requires that the chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee be elected by the members of the central committee from among its members and in accordance with its bylaws, rather than being elected at large by the voters.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill does not impact Baltimore County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee consists of four members elected from each councilmanic district in the county and a chairman elected from the county at large. Aside from the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee, the chairmen of other county central committees are selected by the committees.

**Background:** Each political party must have a State central committee, which is the governing body of the political party, and central committees may be formed for each county. A State central committee may be composed of the members of the county central committees during their terms in office. The Democratic and Republican parties each have a State central committee (consisting of the members of the county central

committees) and 24 county central committees. The county central committees of the Democratic and Republican parties are elected during the gubernatorial primary.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 90 (Delegate Aumann, *et al.*) - Ways and Means.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections, Baltimore County, Department of Legislative Services

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