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House Bill 562
Ways and Means

(Delegate R. Long, *et al.*)

Baltimore County - Republican Party Central Committee - Elections

This bill reduces, from four to three, the number of members elected to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee from each councilmanic district in Baltimore County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect Baltimore County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each political party must have a State central committee that is the governing body of the political party and may be composed of the members of the central committees of the counties during their terms in office. A principal political party must elect the members of a county central committee at a primary election. Except as otherwise provided under county-specific provisions for certain counties (including Baltimore County), the central committee for a county must consist of the number of members determined by the party's constitution.

For the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee, statute establishes that the committee consists of four members elected from each councilmanic district in Baltimore County.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 352 (Senator Salling, *et al.*) - Education, Energy, and the Environment.

Information Source(s): Baltimore County; Maryland State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

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