

HOUSE BILL 856

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Montgomery County Republican Party Central Committee**
3 **– 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; making stylistic
7 changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the
8 membership of the Montgomery County Republican Party Central Committee.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 4–202(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Election Law
16 Section 4–203(f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Election Law**

22 4–202.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 4–203.

5 (f) (1) In Montgomery County[:

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

8 (ii)], the Democratic Party Central Committee consists of 23
9 members [.

10 (2) For each of those two party central committees]ELECTED AS
11 FOLLOWS:

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

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

16 (iii) the remainder [shall be] ARE elected at large.

17 [[3]] (2) Any vacancy in a seat on [a party central committee] THE
18 DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE held initially by a member elected
19 from a legislative district shall be filled by a person residing in that district.

20 [[4]] (3) Any reference to the Democratic Party Central Committee
21 for Montgomery County or any portion of it means the entire membership of the
22 Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee, and in no event do the
23 members of the Central Committee elected from a district comprise a separate central
24 committee.

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

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