

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

BILL REPORT: MC 13-10

Election Law – Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee – Membership Criteria (Senators Madaleno & Raskin)

Motion on Bill: FAVORABLE (8-0) on February 18, 2010

Motion Offered By: KING 2nd By: RASKIN

Voting For: FOREHAND, FROSH, GARAGIOLA, KING, KRAMER, LENETT, RASKIN, MADALENO

Voting Against: (NONE)

SUMMARY: The bill alters the membership criteria for the Montgomery County Democratic Party Central Committee (DCC) by repealing a requirement that the Committee consist of 23 members and requiring members to 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.

Under the bill, the DCC would be comprised of (1) two members from each legislative district wholly within Montgomery County (currently 16 total); (2) one member from a district that is partially within Montgomery County (currently 0 total); and (3) members at large equaling each district wholly within Montgomery County, except that not more than two members at large may reside in the same legislative district (currently 8 total). The bill applies to the election for members of the Committee that will be held at the primary election on September 14, 2010 and will come into effect on June 1, 2010.

AMENDMENTS: (None)

TESTIMONY:

Supporting: Montgomery County Executive (written), Montgomery County Council (written)

Opposing: (None)