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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1002  
Ways and Means

(Delegates Conway and Mathias)

Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Election Law - Worcester County Democratic Party Central Committee**

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This bill repeals uncodified provisions of Chapter 570 of 2006 that stagger the terms of members of the Worcester County Democratic Party Central Committee.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not materially affect Worcester County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Chapter 570 of 2006 established the composition of the Worcester County Democratic Party Central Committee in State law (in place of being determined by the party's constitution), specifying that the committee consists of 11 members, with 7 residing in and elected by the eligible voters of each of the 7 county commissioner districts, and 4 members elected at large by the voters of the entire county, among other requirements.

In uncodified language, Chapter 570 staggered the terms of members elected in 2006, with some members' terms expiring in 2008 and some expiring in 2010. The uncodified language referenced members being elected at the November 2006 (general) election and

members' terms expiring after the November 2008 and 2010 elections. State law, however, also specifies that the principal political parties must elect the members of the county central committees at a primary election.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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