Staff Report

Resolution 9-14

An Ad Hoc Committee to Study the 2013 Municipal Election and Make Recommendations, If Needed, to Improve the City Code, Structure, and Procedures for City Elections

The proposed resolution would establish an ad hoc committee to study the 2013 municipal election and make recommendations, if needed, to improve the City Code, structure, and procedures for elections in the City of Annapolis. The Committee would consist of 11 members, appointed as follows:

- The Annapolis Democratic Central Committee would name one co-chair and 4 additional members.
- The Annapolis Republican Central Committee would name one co-chair and 4 additional members.
- The Mayor would solicit nominations for members with no political party or are registered independents, and from said nominations shall select one member.

The resolution directs that the ad hoc committee shall convene a public hearing with proper notice and take written and oral testimony from voters, the candidates, their campaigns, the lawyers who represented the campaigns, the City Clerk's office and experts on voting practices and procedures to document the actual experiences of voters, understand current practices and procedures and make recommendations to the Election Board, the Mayor and the City Council to address voter issues and concerns.

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