
HOUSE BILL 1609

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1 AN ACT Relating to political parties; and amending RCW 29.42.020
2 and 29.42.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.42.020 and 1987 c 295 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The state committee of each major political party shall consist of
7 ~~((one committeeman and one committeewoman))~~ two committee members from
8 each county elected by the county committee at its organization
9 meeting. It shall have a chair and vice-chair ~~((who must be of~~
10 ~~opposite sexes))~~. This committee shall meet during January of each
11 odd-numbered year for the purpose of organization at a time and place
12 designated by a sufficient notice to all the newly elected state
13 ~~((committeemen and committeewomen))~~ committee members by the authorized
14 officers of the retiring committee. For the purpose of this section a
15 notice mailed at least one week prior to the date of the meeting shall
16 constitute sufficient notice. At its organizational meeting it shall
17 elect its chair and vice-chair, and such officers as its bylaws may
18 provide, and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations. It shall have power
19 to:

1 (1) Call conventions at such time and place and under such
2 circumstances and for such purposes as the call to convention shall
3 designate. The manner, number and procedure for selection of state
4 convention delegates shall be subject to the committee's rules and
5 regulations duly adopted;

6 (2) Provide for the election of delegates to national conventions;

7 (3) Fill vacancies on the ticket for any federal or state office to
8 be voted on by the electors of more than one county;

9 (4) Provide for the nomination of presidential electors; and

10 (5) Perform all functions inherent in such an organization.

11 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the committee shall
12 not set rules which shall govern the conduct of the actual proceedings
13 at a party state convention.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.42.030 and 1987 c 295 s 12 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The county central committee of each major political party shall
17 consist of the precinct committee officers of the party from the
18 several voting precincts of the county. Following each state general
19 election held in even-numbered years, this committee shall meet for the
20 purpose of organization at an easily accessible location within the
21 county, subsequent to the certification of precinct committee officers
22 by the county auditor and no later than the second Saturday of the
23 following January. The authorized officers of the retiring committee
24 shall cause notice of the time and place of such meeting to be mailed
25 to each precinct committee officer at least seventy-two hours prior to
26 the date of the meeting.

27 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall
28 elect a chair and vice-chair (~~who must be of opposite sexes~~); it
29 shall also elect ((a)) two state (~~committeeman and a state~~
30 ~~committeewoman~~) committee members.

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