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HOUSE BILL 2263

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By Representatives MacEwen, Orwall, Ryu, and Hunt

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1 AN ACT Relating to naming the chair and vice chair of state and  
2 county political committees; and amending RCW 29A.80.020 and  
3 29A.80.030.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.80.020 and 2013 c 11 s 79 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The state committee of each major political party consists of one  
8 committeeman and one committeewoman from each county elected by the  
9 county central committee at its organization meeting. ~~((It must have))~~  
10 A chair and vice chair ((of opposite sexes)) must be elected, and at  
11 least one of those positions must be a female. This committee shall  
12 meet during January of each odd-numbered year for the purpose of  
13 organization at a time and place designated by a notice mailed at least  
14 one week before the date of the meeting to all new state committeemen  
15 and committeewomen by the authorized officers of the retiring  
16 committee. At its organizational meeting it shall elect its chair and  
17 vice chair, and such officers as its bylaws may provide, and adopt  
18 bylaws, rules, and regulations. It may:

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

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

7 (3) Provide for the nomination of presidential electors; and

8 (4) Perform all functions inherent in such an organization.

9 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the committee may  
10 not adopt rules governing the conduct of the actual proceedings at a  
11 party state convention.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.80.030 and 2003 c 111 s 2003 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

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

25 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall  
26 elect a chair and vice chair (~~(of opposite sexes)~~), and at least one of  
27 those positions must be a female.

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