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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6356**

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**State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2014 Regular Session**

**By Senate Governmental Operations (originally sponsored by Senator Angel)**

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/14.

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. This  
11 committee shall meet during January of each odd-numbered year for the  
12 purpose of organization at a time and place designated by a notice  
13 mailed at least one week before the date of the meeting to all new  
14 state committeemen and committeewomen by the authorized officers of the  
15 retiring committee. At its organizational meeting it shall elect its  
16 chair and vice chair, and such officers as its bylaws may provide, and  
17 adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations. It may:

18            (1) Call conventions at such time and place and under such  
19 circumstances and for such purposes as the call to convention

1 designates. The manner, number, and procedure for selection of state  
2 convention delegates is subject to the committee's rules and  
3 regulations duly adopted;

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 At its organization meeting, the county central committee shall  
24 elect a chair and vice chair (~~(of opposite sexes)~~).

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